

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2012

## WGAL-TV Programs/Issues List

The following list contains some of the most significant programming treatment of issues of community concern addressed by WGAL-TV during the quarter; this list is not intended to be exhaustive.

DATE	PROGRAM VEHICLE	TIME OF DAY   DURATION	COMMUNITY ISSUE/ CONCERN	DESCRIPTION
April 1	News 8 Today Weekend	9:04:34A 31 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Starting April 2, big changes go into effect for drivers sharing the road with bike riders. A new state law will require drivers to stay at least four feet away from a bicyclist when passing. That means you will be able to cross the center line, if opposing traffic allows. And drivers turning left must yield the right-of-way to bikers riding in the opposite direction. Supporters of the new law are also using it as an opportunity to remind cyclists of the rules they need to follow, including signaling, and avoiding tying up traffic when possible.
April 1	News 8 Today Weekend	9:34:01A 19 seconds	Conservation/ Environment	In Dauphin County, the Derry Township Board of Supervisors held a meeting to discuss their vision for the community's future. It came after residents weighed in with their ideas on how to improve the Township. The common theme, residents want to see downtown Hershey preserved. The Township hopes to start developing a comprehensive plan this summer.
April 2	News 8 Today	5:47:29A	Economy Shifts	Researchers say analysis shows airlines

	@ 5	19 seconds		are slowly, steadily recovering from their meltdown five years ago, when their performance tanked under near-record consumer demand. A report being released says industry performance in lost bags, delayed flights, service, and getting bumped from full planes was slightly better in 2011 compared to 2010.
April 2	News 8 Today @ 6	6:11:35A 20 seconds	Education	Student loan debt in kindergarten? It's becoming reality for more parents across the country. <i>Smart Money</i> reports on the trend of parents financing the early years in school, public or private, some even as early as kindergarten. The total dollar amount of loans requested rose 10% between last month and March 2011. Nationally, student loan debt topped one trillion dollars last week.
April 2	News 8 Today @ 6	6:12:35A 13 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Doctors at <i>Mayo Clinic</i> say they are seeing a dramatic rise in the number of young adults with skin cancer. Researchers found melanoma cases in 2009 were eight times higher than those in 1970. Experts suggest tanning beds are to blame.
April 2	News 8 @ 5	5:28:16P 33 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	On this day, <i>World Autism Day</i> , a new study just published in the <i>Journal of Pediatrics</i> looks at why some children with autism become high functioning teens, while others don't. Researchers followed 7,000 children with autism. They found about 10% of children who were severely affected by autism at age three improved by age eight, and became high-functioning. Researchers are still trying to determine why some children showed signs of improvement and others didn't; they say they believe early intervention programs may be

				key.
April 2	News 8 @ 6	6:06:11P 32 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	In Lebanon County, drivers should expect lane shifts and slower traffic along Route 422 in Palmyra; construction crews are working in an area that keeps sinking. They are drilling holes in a section of 422 in front of the Palmyra Bowling Alley. <i>PennDOT</i> has struggled for years to repair a recurring sinkhole. <i>PennDOT</i> is drilling the holes to see if the rock under the road is strong enough to support a concrete structure. That is one of options it is considering to avoid constant repair of sinkholes.
April 2	News 8 @ 11	11:10:00P 45 seconds	Healthcare & Reform	<p>To the latest on the controversial affordable <i>Care Act</i> currently being considered by the Supreme Court...</p> <p>Today, President Obama said he is confident the Supreme Court will not deem the law unconstitutional. At the heart of the controversy, the individual mandate which requires everyone to have some form of health insurance. Without it, the President says the Bill will not work. "In the absence of an individual mandate, you cannot have a mechanism to ensure that people with pre-existing conditions can actually get health care." But some members of the Supreme Court said the mandate represents a potentially unconstitutional step that gives the government new powers.</p>
April 3	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:41:34A 15 seconds	National Security	Federal agents arrested more than 3,100 people in a sweep targeting criminal and fugitive immigrants; it was the country's biggest-ever roundup of its kind. The immigrants have records ranging from drunk driving to murder.

				Immigration officials say 90% of them were men.
April 3	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:46:52A 29 seconds	Government/ Politics	In York, sewer customers who haven't been paying their bills have a deal to consider. How big is the problem? The city says 4,500 customers owe about \$18 million dollars, but now the city is offering to forgive some of what's owed. Business Administrator Michael O'Rourke, "The deal is come in between April 1 and April 30 and either pay off your balance you owe for sewer services and we will waive the interest." Customers can also set up a payment plan with the city. If they still refuse to pay up, the city says it will shut off their water.
April 3	News 8 Today @ 6	6:04:48A 20 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	In Lancaster County, Quarryville is scheduled to get some major upgrades this month, and some of the cost falls directly on property owners. The Borough will pay about \$100,000 for water lines, hookups, and road construction, however residents are responsible for the sidewalk costs. Small property owners must pay \$3,500 and larger property owners will pay more.
April 3	News 8 @ Noon	12:17:31P 28 seconds	(Un)employment	There are job opportunities for this year's college graduates, despite a tough job market. The <i>National Association of Colleges &amp; Employers</i> says the top five fields that are hiring are engineering, business, accounting, computer science, and economics. The average salary for these jobs is \$40,000 a year, but engineers make the most with a starting salary of just over \$58,000. While the jobs are there, competition is tough. Employers say they get 33 applications for every job posting.

April 3	News 8 @ Noon	12:27:15P 13 seconds	Economy Shifts	Americans are spending more this year to celebrate Easter. A survey of 9,000 people by the <i>National Retail Federation</i> found Americans will spend nearly \$17 billion dollars on Easter items, including clothing, candy, dinner, and decorations.
April 3	News 8 @ 5	5:04:04P 1 minute 20 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>The <i>Lancaster County Crime Prevention Task Force</i> has a new target.</p> <p>The <i>Task Force</i>, formed in 2008, is made up of about 12 members, from a professor to a police officer, and several county leaders. The group's goal is to prevent crime in order to keep the community safe and the prison population down. The group started a website in 2010; now it wants to add to it. Members plan to launch a newsletter in the fall that talks about crime trends and gives safety tips to residents in the county and people across the country. It also wants to open a secure forum for school resource officers, basically a black board for them to bounce ideas off and talk about similar issues in different schools. Assistant D.A. Rebecca Franz, "A lot of it is just about education and what people don't know is going to ultimately hurt them, so just making all of this information available to people is very helpful, and when they're armed with that information, hopefully they won't fall prey to whatever scheme is out there."</p>
April 3	News 8 @ 5	5:26:27P 60 seconds	Obesity Epidemic	Americans may have a more serious obesity epidemic than we think. <i>Body Mass Index</i> , or BMI, is often used to determine if people are overweight or obese. But a researcher calls it the

				<p><i>Baloney Mass Index</i>, and says it may lead to an under-estimation of obesity. BMI is the ratio of height to weight; it does not measure body fat, muscle mass and bone density. The study from the <i>Path Foundation</i>, a nonprofit research organization in New York, says as many as 39% of Americans classified as overweight would be considered obese if body fat were taken into account. They say the BMI threshold for obesity, which now stands at 30, should be lowered to 24. By that standard, a five foot six woman and a five-eleven inch man would be considered obese if the woman weighed 150 pounds and the man two hundred.</p>
April 3	News 8 @ 5:30	5:32:58P 28 seconds	Education	<p>More college students are finding themselves further in debt. Now above one-trillion dollars, U.S. student loan debt has surpassed credit card and auto-loan debt. And unable to find work, many students have returned to school, taking out even more loans. The average student loan debt is now over \$25,000; that's up 25% in just ten years. And because much of it is government-backed, taxpayers are on the hook for any loan not re-paid.</p>
April 3	News 8 @ 5:30	5:43:25P 34 seconds	Economy Shifts	<p>The economy is growing again, but the <i>Labor Department</i> says the U.S. is producing more goods and services with six-million fewer workers than when the recession began; that means more work for those who have jobs. The <i>Labor Department</i> also says American workers are getting paid less for their work. For every dollar you earn, you actually only take home \$.44. That's the smallest share since the government started tracking that in 1947. The rest goes to taxes and other expenses, including healthcare.</p>

April 4	News 8 Today @ 5	5:15:54A 33 seconds	Healthcare & Reform	375,000 doctors are pushing for an end to unnecessary medical tests. Nine <i>Medical Societies</i> representing the physicians will release lists today of tests and treatments their members shouldn't automatically order. They include most repeat colonoscopies within 10 years of a first test, early imaging for most back pain, and antibiotics for mild to moderate sinus problems. It's unclear how much money would be saved if doctors followed the 45 recommendations. The nation's medical bill hit \$2.6 trillion in 2010.
April 4	News 8 @ 5	5:02:24P 18 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	Three American soldiers were among 10 people killed in a suicide bomb attack in Afghanistan today. The bombing happened at a park in what's described as a relatively peaceful area of northern Afghanistan. The Taliban is claiming responsibility.
April 4	News 8 @ 5	5:27:04P 50 seconds	Education	<p>Unemployment has been falling and people are starting to spend again, but the economic recovery hasn't hit the classroom yet, and School Districts here in the Susquehanna Valley and across the country are preparing for another round of cutbacks.</p> <p>A new survey by the <i>American Association of School Administrators</i> finds about 80% of educators say their school is inadequately funded, and half anticipate even lower revenues in the coming year, which will force them to make difficult decisions on where to cut. Here are some of the cutbacks that the survey found are most common among schools around the country: two-thirds say they're considering cutting staff</p>

				positions, about 25% are looking at furloughs, many are thinking of delaying improvements like new textbooks, computers or lab equipment, and some may cancel summer school programs. One of the Directors of the survey says these cuts look so drastic because schools have already made the easy ones.
April 4	News 8 @ 5:30	5:35:03P 18 seconds	(Un)employment	At <i>Yahoo</i> , 2,000 workers are losing their jobs. The cuts come as new CEO Scott Thompson looks to turn around the troubled company. The cuts equal 14% of the workers employed by <i>Yahoo</i> . Today's announcement marks the company's sixth mass layoff in the past four years.
April 4	News 8 @ 11	11:16:50P 47 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Get the shots...or maybe miss school. The <i>State Health Department</i> and School Districts are warning that students in kindergarten through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade must have required immunizations by the end of this month to stay in school, and it may not cost anything. State Health Centers are stepping in to help. Next week they will hold free immunization clinics. About 1,500 students have appointments at the 60 centers.
April 5	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:40:54A 23 seconds	Government/ Politics	"We were sent here to serve the American people and look out for their interests, not look out for our own interests." And with that, President Obama signed a Bill banning members of Congress from insider trading. The bipartisan legislation, called the <i>Stock Act</i> , is designed to prohibit lawmakers, their families, and staff from using any information gleaned while working on Capitol Hill to execute stock transactions.



April 5	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:47:51A 21 seconds	Government/ Politics	Pennsylvanians are a step closer to being able to decide whether to shrink the State Legislature. The State House voted to cut its own chamber from 203 seats to 153, and reduce the State Senate from 50 to 38. However, this still needs to pass the Senate, and then be approved by both Chambers before voters could decide in a state-wide referendum. If all that happens, it would take effect following the 2020 Census.
April 5	News 8 Today @ 5	5:05:24A 22 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	A Harrisburg neighborhood that's seen a recent rash of muggings is getting a stronger police presence. <i>Harrisburg Area Community College's Midtown Campus</i> is the new home to a police substation. The officers can stop in to file reports before returning to patrol, and residents will be able to report crime directly to an officer. The substation will be open from 7:00am to 10:00pm Monday through Friday.
April 5	News 8 @ Noon	12:20:58P 28 seconds	Obesity Epidemic	Some people find cheap and fattening food harder to resist than others. A review of several studies that examined how areas of the brain respond to certain foods found obese adults had a bigger brain response to sweet and fatty foods. Researchers say this makes obese adults more sensitive to high-calorie meals, many of which are heavily advertised and easily accessible. They say it's easy to see how obesity levels are on the rise when these vulnerabilities in the brain are combined with an unhealthy environment.
April 5	News 8 @ 5	5:26:43P 1 minute	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Over the past week, two women in the Susquehanna Valley committed suicide

		37 seconds		<p>in public places. Their deaths are bringing attention to the problem of suicide, and may have you asking what you can do to prevent it from happening to someone you know.</p> <p>Suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death, taking thousands of lives each year. There are several risk factors for suicide: depression and mental illness are the most common causes, and substance-abuse is also a risk factor. The <i>National Institute of Mental Health</i> says more than 90% of people who commit suicide have these risk factors. Other risk factors include a prior suicide attempt and a family history of mental disorder, substance abuse, or family history of suicide. If you think someone is suicidal, experts say do not leave them alone and try to get them to seek help of a medical professional. Dr. Alan Gelen of <i>Penn State Hershey Medical Center</i>, "If you have a primary health care doctor that's a good place to start, speak to the doctors, speak to his or her office, see what kind of mental health professionals are used within that system. Emergency rooms when you feel there is something imminent and acute and worrisome and you don't know where else to go." Folks can also call the <i>National Suicide Prevention Lifeline</i> if someone they know is in crisis; the number is 1(800)273-8255.</p>
April 5	News 8 @ 6	6:08:04P 37 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>In Harrisburg, the Mayor wants illegal guns off the street and she is willing to pay for it. Linda Thompson announced an <i>Illegal Guns Hotline</i> today. People can call the phone number and leave anonymous tips. If the tip leads to the recovery of a stolen gun or an arrest, the caller(s) could get anywhere from \$50 to \$200.</p>

April 5	News 8 @ 11	11:08:06P 23 seconds	Education	A new degree being offered at three State Owned Universities, including Shippensburg. The <i>State System of Higher Education</i> says the new technology-related degree is designed to meet the growing need for that kind of expertise in Pennsylvania's workforce. Clarion and California Universities will also offer the Bachelor's Degree.
April 5	News 8 @ 11	11:10:08P 38 seconds	Government/ Politics	President Obama today signed a Bill that will make it easier for small businesses and start-ups to raise capital. Known as the <i>Jumpstart Our Business Startups</i> , or "Jobs" Act, it is designed to help entrepreneurs build and sell their products. It also phases in <i>Securities and Exchange Commission Regulations</i> over a five-year period, allowing smaller companies to go public sooner. Obama, "This Bill represents exactly the type of bipartisan action we should be taking in Washington to help our economy. I've always said that the true engine of job creation in this country is the private sector, not the government." The President called the Bill another step to create more jobs.
April 6	News 8 Today @ 5	5:15:13A 33 seconds	Government/ Politics	The <i>Jobs Bill</i> is also supposed to make it easier for entrepreneurs to raise money through something called <i>Crowd-Funding</i> . "Assets Lancaster" helps start-up businesses, and while <i>Crowd-Funding</i> is not something "Assets" is doing, the Executive Director explained how the process would work. Jessica King of "Assets Lancaster", "It is an idea of taking a wide group of people who each contribute smaller sums of cash to one entrepreneur, and that can happen through some sort of social media platform." Under the law, start-up

				businesses will be able to raise up to a million dollars through <i>Crowd-Funding</i> .
April 6	News 8 Today @ 6	6:16:59A 58 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>New concerns that Americans are addicted to popping pills... Doctors say we're downing painkillers 16 times more than a decade ago. Pharmacies, hospitals, and physicians gave out more than 100 tons of Oxycodone and Hydrocodone in 2010. That's enough to give 40 five-milligram Percocet's and 24 five-milligram Vicodins to every man, woman, and child in the United States.</p> <p>Here are some warning signs for painkiller addiction: if a person is taking medication more frequently than recommended, taking pills for reasons other than pain, such as depression, and taking medication that was prescribed for another person.</p>
April 7	News 8 @ 6	6:11:50P 31 seconds	Economy Shifts	Experts expect the average price of a gallon of gas to go above four dollars this coming week. The national average price is now \$3.93 a gallon for regular; that's a record high average for this time of year. The oil price information service says the spring price surge is due in part to reduced output. Three refineries serving the East Coast were shut down last fall. Spring is also when refineries make repairs and start making a cleaner blend of gasoline for summer, which is required by federal law.
April 8	Pennsylvania Newsmakers	7:30A 30 minutes	Healthcare & Reform & Transportation/ Infrastructure	This week's <i>Pennsylvania Newsmakers</i> features Scott Bishop, Senior VP for State Legislative Services for the <i>Hospital &amp; Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania</i> , for a health care update. Then, joining host Terry Madonna is

				Bob Latham, Executive VP of Associated Pennsylvania Constructors, for a discussion of the state's infrastructure needs.
April 9	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:41:50A 26 seconds	National Security	South Korean Intelligence Officials say North Korea is digging a new underground tunnel in what they believe is preparation for another nuclear test. Officials say recent satellite photos show piles of dirt near the newly excavated tunnel's entrance. The news comes as North Korea prepares to fire a long-range rocket this week. North Korea says it's an observation satellite, but the U.S. and other international officials say it's a cover for testing missile technology that could be used to fire on the U.S.
April 9	News 8 Today @ 6	6:04:22A 15 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Cumberland County, just two months after solving a string of burglaries plaguing Lemoyne, West Shore Police have another burglar on their hands. Police say someone broke into a home on Walnut Street this weekend. A number of electronics were stolen from the house.
April 9	News 8 @ Noon	12:21:48P 48 seconds	Obesity Epidemic	New research suggests obesity during pregnancy could increase chances for having a child with autism. A study of one thousand mothers and their children found women who are obese during pregnancy are 60% more likely to have a child with autism. They're also two times more likely to have a child with a developmental delay. Having <i>Type II Diabetes</i> also increases the risk. Researchers say conditions that cause a spike in insulin can starve a mother's tissues of oxygen, lowering the oxygen supply to the unborn child and potentially affecting its brain

				development. Previous research has linked obesity during pregnancy with stillbirths, preterm births, and some birth defects.
April 9	News 8 @ 5	5:13:35P 36 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Some consumers could be missing potentially lifesaving allergy information on food labels. Allergy warnings vary from product to product. Some say the product was manufactured in a facility that also produced nut and wheat products. Others warn the item is "unsuitable" for people with food allergies. The word "unsuitable" seemed to capture shoppers' attention more than others. Surprisingly households including at least one family member with a food allergy were more likely to ignore allergy warning labels than those who were responsible for preparing food for others with allergies.
April 10	News 8 Today @ 5	5:15:07A 41 seconds	Government/ Politics	Dauphin County Officials will meet with State Lawmakers today to ask them not to cut funding for Human Services in Dauphin County. The Governor's Proposed State Budget calls for a cut of more than five million dollars. On April 8, hundreds turned out to protest that proposed cut. They say it would affect thousands of people who receive help for mental and intellectual disabilities, the homeless, drug and alcohol intervention, and more.
April 10	News 8 @ Noon	12:04:46P 28 seconds	Government/ Politics	Another top staffer in Harrisburg Mayor Linda Thompson's Administration has called it quits. Public Works Director Ernie Hoch stepped down after two years on the job. With his resignation, Hoch sent a letter addressing the people of

				Harrisburg saying, “I find myself in a position that I can no longer help bring about positive change under the current administration.” The Mayor has named City Engineer Paul Francis as the Acting Director.
April 10	News 8 @ Noon	12:15:20P 37 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Those dental x-rays you get each year may increase your risk for a common type of brain cancer. Researchers at Yale University studied nearly 1,500 patients with Meningioma, the most frequently diagnosed type of brain tumor in the U.S. They asked the patients about their exposure to dental x-rays and found those who had a bitewing exam on an annual or more frequent basis were two times more likely to have this type of tumor. Outside experts say it’s important to note that these researchers depended on patients to remember the types of scans they had decades ago, and radiation exposure from these tests is much lower now.
April 10	Dr. Oz	4:00P 60 minutes	General Health/ Wellness	Some viewers may arguably feel worn out from all of the conflicting advice they hear about getting healthier. On this episode, <i>Dr. Oz</i> makes it easy for them, as he reveals five simple ways to become healthy, all road-tested by a man who spent a year getting in the healthiest shape of his life, Journalist and Author A.J. Jacobs. The duo unveils the results and discusses the surprising health trends that actually work.
April 10	News 8 @ 5	5:27:22P 1 minute 14 seconds	Education	A just-released report is highlighting the need for more funding for pre-kindergarten programs. When adjusted for inflation and federal funding, states are spending less now on Pre-K

				<p>programs than a decade ago; that's according to the <i>National Institute For Early Education Research</i>. 1.3 million children are currently enrolled in state-funded pre-kindergarten programs, and while enrollment is up, state funding is down. Its \$60 million dollars less than last year nationwide. Here in Pennsylvania, 16% of four year olds are enrolled in a state funded pre-school program. The report also says the state spent \$5,193 dollars per child; that's down \$849 from 2010. Advocates say without Pre-K, many students may be doomed to fail. Quality education is another concern. Only 12 states met all the group benchmarks for quality Pre-K classes. They include things like highly-educated teachers, training requirements, small class sizes, and screenings. Pennsylvania meets a little more than half of the benchmarks.</p>
April 10	News 8 @ 5:30	5:35:06P 54 seconds	Government/ Politics	<p>President Barack Obama is pushing for a tax increase, he says is focused on millionaires and billionaires. Known as <i>The Buffet Rule</i>, the proposal would make sure the nation's wealthiest investors do not pay a lower income tax rate than middle class wage earners. Obama, "If you make more than \$1 million a year, you should not pay less than 30% in taxes." But raising any taxes in an election year is going to be a very hard sell. Representative Allen West, "We don't need the President talking about raising capital gains taxes from 15% to 25% or 30%. What happens to investment in the United States of America?" Tax Analyst Martin Sullivan, "There's zero chance of it ever passing on a standalone basis because of Republican opposition. And I'm sure some Democrats in swing states and swing districts are not going to be comfortable with voting for a tax</p>



				increase.”
April 10	News 8 @ 5:30	5:35:40P 33 seconds	(Un)employment	More part-time workers have moved up to full time jobs. A breakdown of the latest jobs data from march shows the number of part-time workers declined because many of them got full time jobs. In March 2012, there were 7.7 million part time employees; that's down from 8.1 million in February. Employers also posted slightly more job openings and stepped up overall hiring in February. The nation's unemployment rate fell to 8.2%, though that was mostly because more people have given up looking for work.
April 10	News 8 @ 11	11:10:18P 20 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Harrisburg police want to find the thief who stole up to \$30,000 worth of artwork from a warehouse on Cumberland Street. Police say more than 50 metal and stone statues were stolen around March 12. The artist who had been using the warehouse has since moved his work to another storage facility.
April 11	News 8 Today @ 5	5:04:16A 57 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Lancaster police are looking for two men they say have been impersonating police officers. The most recent incident was early Saturday morning after a hit and run on Water Street. Surveillance video shows a car side-swiping a parked car. Owner Christy Griffin and her husband went out to see the damage when two men with guns claiming to be off-duty police officers pulled up. They asked Griffin for ID and even entered their house. The real police say there was a similar incident in January. Police recommend those with questions ask to see an officer's badge and photo ID. Folks can also ask the officer to have a supervisor come to

				the location, or call 911 and tell the dispatcher where you are. Dispatch can confirm the officers' authenticity.
April 11	News 8 Today @ 6	6:01:25A 44 seconds	Government/ Politics	Just two weeks before the Pennsylvania Primary, Rick Santorum has ended his bid for the White House. Santorum made the announcement right here in the Susquehanna Valley. He told his staff just minutes before a speech in Gettysburg on April 10, thanking everyone for their hard work, advancing his low-budget, once written-off campaign. Santorum's three year old daughter is battling a rare, often fatal genetic disorder, and Santorum says that played a big part in his decision.
April 11	News 8 @ Noon	12:17:22P 28 seconds	Education	The nation's largest bank will now only provide student loans to its customers. <i>JP Morgan Chase &amp; Company</i> says beginning July 1, it will stop providing student loans to non-customers. Customers must have a <i>Chase</i> deposit, loan, or a <i>Chase</i> credit card to apply for a student loan. The bank's student loan portfolio shrank 15% since 2009 as bad debts doubled. The <i>Consumer Financial Protection Bureau</i> says student loans are now the largest source of unsecured consumer debt.
April 11	Dr. Oz	4:00P 60 minutes	General Health/ Wellness	Are you tired of the conflicting advice you hear about getting healthier? On this episode, <i>Dr. Oz</i> makes it easy for viewers, as he reveals five simple ways to be healthy, all road-tested by a man who spent a year getting in the healthiest shape of his life, journalist and author A.J. Jacobs. Along with <i>Dr. Oz</i> , he unveils his results and discusses the surprising health trends that actually work. Do you want to get healthy, but

				<p>don't think you can handle the taste? A.J. makes it easy for viewers as he shows them four new ways to reprogram taste buds.</p>
April 11	News 8 @ 5	5:14:36P 58 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>There's further proof that aspirin could play a role in cancer prevention. The <i>U.S. Preventive Services Task Force</i> recommends an aspirin regimen for some patients to prevent heart disease and stroke. Now, aspirin could soon be advised for cancer prevention.</p> <p>A report released this week looked at two recent studies suggesting aspirin could have protective effects against various types of cancer. It says there is evidence that a daily 75 milligram dose of aspirin might lower overall cancer incidence and overall cancer mortality. It's still not known just how aspirin works in cancer prevention, and it's important to note that a daily dose of aspirin can also raise the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding.</p>
April 11	News 8 @ 5	5:27:37P 1 minute 6 seconds	Education	<p>In this <i>Learning Matters/Connect With Kids</i> segment, many school districts are being forced to make drastic cuts to balance their budget; that sometimes means cutting programs that aren't required. The recession has no doubt affected schools across the country, and we're really starting to see how that's impacting art education programs.</p> <p>A recently released report by the <i>U.S. Department of Education</i> found the percent of public elementary schools offering classes in the visual arts, drama and dance has declined over the past decade. Dance and drama classes saw the biggest drop. Twenty percent of all elementary schools offered courses in the 1999/2000 school year; that</p>

				<p>number dropped to just 5% in the 2009/2010 school year. The report didn't see a decline in dance and drama classes at the middle or high school level. Music classes at the elementary and secondary school levels also remained steady, though there were declines in the nation's poorest schools. Education Secretary Arne Duncan says the report is troubling because all students don't have access to arts education. Experts argue art and music education programs could be what push some students to continue to go to school because it validates who they are as individuals.</p>
April 11	News 8 @ 5:30	5:32:14P 54 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	<p>The state's top watchdog, Auditor General Jack Wagner, held a press conference under a deteriorating Harrisburg bridge today to stress the need for state lawmakers to come up with a way to pay for much needed repairs to Pennsylvania's roads and bridges. Wagner had an interesting way of illustrating the magnitude of the problem, "If you compare the number of structurally deficient bridges to the number of <i>McDonalds</i> restaurants we have ten times the number of structurally deficient bridges." Wagner says there are 6,000 structurally deficient bridges in the state. That doesn't mean the bridges are "unsafe", but does indicate they are in need of repairs. State lawmakers have yet to agree on how to raise the money to pay for the work.</p>
April 11	News 8 @ 6	6:05:45P 58 seconds	Education	<p>The financially strapped York School District is considering making some big changes...getting rid of middle schools. The District would close Hannah Penn and Smith Schools, and have students be in the same buildings from</p>

				<p>kindergarten through eighth grade. The District says students would go to schools closer to where students live and make better use of the District's resources. The District had a meeting on the issue today. One parent commented, "It's ridiculous. There's other ways to save money, I mean, closing schools?" The School Board will vote in July. If approved, it would take effect next year.</p>
April 11	News 8 @ 11	11:09:14P 29 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>State police say people are beginning to get the message about the new law banning texting while driving. Police say they've so far issued 31 citations for violations of the law that took effect five weeks ago, but that doesn't include the many warnings that have already been issued to drivers. The law prohibits texting or reading texts, but it doesn't ban the use of hand-held cell phones. Texting violators must pay a \$50 fine.</p>
April 11	News 8 @ 11	11:16:40P 38 seconds	Obesity Epidemic	<p>When you're on a diet, it seems all you can think about are the foods you can't eat. But if we think about what we can eat, it could help us shed the pounds. Try eating more so-called "super foods". These are foods that are packed with disease fighting nutrients. They're unprocessed, usually low in calories, and can fill you up; and best of all, they're usually available at your local grocery store. Here are some examples: salmon, beans, nuts, low fat yogurt, turkey, oats, berries, kiwi, broccoli, and sweet potatoes. Dietary experts say that eating a variety of these super foods can help fight obesity, Type II Diabetes, heart disease, and certain cancers.</p>

April 12	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:40:58A 47 seconds	Government/ Politics	<p>To <i>News 8's Commitment 2012</i> coverage of the race for President...</p> <p>With former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum out of the running, the stage is set for a general election campaign between President Obama and Mitt Romney. The former Massachusetts Governor recently attempted to boost his poll numbers with female voters by pointing out that more women have lost jobs since the President took office. President Obama, meanwhile, campaigned in Washington, where he spoke out against tax cuts for the rich. "It's just plain wrong that middle class Americans pay a higher share of their income in taxes than some millionaires and billionaires." And Newt Gingrich hasn't counted himself out of the race just yet; he says he still has a chance to win. To do that, Gingrich would need to take 94% of the remaining delegates before the August convention.</p>
April 12	News 8 Today @ 6	6:01:20A 20 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>In Pittsburgh, police arrested a man in connection with more than 60 bomb threats at the <i>University of Pittsburgh</i>. Mark Lee Krangle is behind bars, charged with making terroristic threats. Over the last two months, <i>Pitt</i> was forced to evacuate dorms, classrooms and offices every time a threat was called in. No bombs were ever found.</p>
April 12	News 8 @ 11	11:02:57P 22 seconds	Education	<p>In Lancaster County, Manheim Township teachers have agreed to a pay freeze in exchange for no furloughs or demotions the next school year, and limited job changes the second year. The School Board had been talking about cutting as many as 40 teachers as it works to make up a \$4.6 million dollar deficit. Administrators, including the Superintendent, have</p>

				already taken a pay freeze.
April 13	News 8 Today @ 5	5:16:51A 1 minute 5 seconds	Education	<p>The <i>School Funding Crisis</i> has Districts all over the state looking for new ways to shore up budgets. In Bucks County, one high school is putting ads on buses and lockers. Here in the Susquehanna Valley, some school leaders aren't going that far, but are still using ads to bring in some extra cash. Conestoga Valley School District Superintendent Gerald Husken has not only placed ads in the stadium, but on the marching band trailer, in the school newsletter, and in the cafeteria. And Hempfield makes about \$100,000 a year from private sponsorships, including selling the title rights to their cafeteria. School officials say they draw the line by putting them in spots that aren't too intrusive. Brenda Becker of Hempfield School District, "When this first started, I thought wow what is this going to do, but we have found overall that as people experience it, they think it's not intrusive number one... And number two that our sponsors have been incredibly supportive in all aspects of our school community." The Superintendents say they have strict regulations on what kind of companies they accept sponsorships from so it's school appropriate. All final decisions are made by the School Board.</p>
April 13	News 8 Today @ 6	6:33:14A 47 seconds	Economy Shifts	<p>In York, Mayor Kim Bracey delivered her annual <i>State Of The City</i> Address. In front of a crowd of more than 400 at Central Market, she talked about the city's successes and challenges for the future. She says Pennsylvania's tax system is hurting cities like York, pointing out the nearly two dozen third class cities that have had to rely on <i>Act 47</i> state takeovers to balance their</p>

				<p>budgets; she says she hasn't ruled that out for York. But on the positive side, she says there's been promising economic development – 171 new businesses opened last year, an increase from 2010. “Our building permits are up, our investments are higher, and we have new projects coming into the city.” The Mayor also recognized some new economic development initiatives, including a recently announced arts project by members of the rock band <i>Live</i>, who are York natives.</p>
April 13	News 8 @ Noon	12:18:25P 30 seconds	Economy Shifts	<p>We've all noticed a rise in our grocery bills, but exactly which items are to blame for the increase? According to the <i>American Farm Bureau</i>, meats, cheeses, and other foods now cost 6.9% more than a year ago. A sampling of 16 items including cheddar cheese, sirloin tip roast, salad, orange juice and eggs now costs \$52.47; that same sampling cost just under \$50 in 2011. Not all items have become more expensive though. Whole milk, white bread, and boneless chicken breasts have gone down in price.</p>
April 13	News 8 @ Noon	12:22:21P 20 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>There are new recommendations for ovarian cancer screenings. The <i>U.S. Preventive Services Task Force</i> suggests women who are not considered high risk for ovarian cancer avoid screening for the disease because there are more risks than benefits. The <i>Task Force</i> says only women with a family history of the disease, or those who test positive for BRCA 1 or 2 genes should undergo the screening. Research shows 10% of women screened for the disease will have a false positive, and one-third will have an ovary removed. Ultrasounds and a blood test are the most commonly used screening tools for ovarian cancer.</p>



April 13	News 8 @ 6	6:07:58P 30 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Lancaster County, two East Earl Township residents face drug charges, accused of operating a meth lab. Police say they were conducting surveillance on 31 year old Dawn Cunningham and 30 year old Matthew Horne, and saw them buy supplies and take them to a home on Lobin Road. Then during a search of the home, police say they found a methamphetamine manufacturing operation. Two children were in the house; they are now in the care of a relative.
April 14	News 8 Today Weekend	9:09:17A 48 seconds	Economy Shifts	A new survey from VISA finds families with prom-bound teenagers will spend an average of nearly \$1,100. That's up more than 30% from last year, but not everyone is forking over a thousand dollars. The survey says prom-goers in the West and the Midwest are a little thriftier with their shopping. But in the Northeast, the average family spends close to \$2,000, and most of that cash is coming straight from mom and dad. So how can families save a little money? Try shopping at used clothing stores or online. Find a friend who can do nails and make up. Skip the limo, and most importantly, set a budget and stick to it.
April 14	News 8 @ 6 Delayed Newscast Due To NBC Sports	6:58:58 27 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Moon Marine USA Corporation is recalling nearly 60,000 pounds of frozen yellow fin tuna; the FDA warns the product is contaminated with salmonella. One hundred and sixteen people have become ill, including five from Pennsylvania. The tuna is used to make sushi in restaurants and grocery stores.

April 15	Chris Matthews	7:00A 30 minutes	Government/ Politics	This week on <i>The Chris Matthews Show</i> , the following political issues were discussed in detail: ‘The secret Presidents’ Club: How the formers unite to help the current President, across party lines.’ And, ‘Will Hillary Clinton run in 2016 and what will she base her decision on?’
April 15	Pennsylvania Newsmakers	7:30A 30 minutes	Government/ Politics	This week's <i>Pennsylvania Newsmakers</i> hosts two journalists: Amy Worden of the <i>Philadelphia Inquirer</i> , and Mary Wilson of <i>Pennsylvania Public Radio</i> , who discuss Rick Santorum's withdrawal from the presidential race and the recently passed <i>Voter ID Law</i> . Then, joining host Terry Madonna are two state House members, Majority Whip Stan Saylor and Eugene DePasquale, for a discussion of tax reform and plans to reduce the size of the State House.
April 15	News 8 @ 6	6:21:33P 1 minute 15 seconds	Education	Dozens of HIV and AIDS rights activists protested outside Hershey Park today, hoping to be heard by <i>Hershey Company</i> Executives. This protest dates back to late last year when a 13 year old boy was not allowed to enroll in the <i>Milton Hershey School</i> because he was HIV Positive. Activists say that is discrimination and they have been calling on the school to reverse its decision, but this time they changed their tactic. The protesters goal today was to pressure <i>Hershey Company</i> Executives, who hold three seats on the Board of the <i>Milton Hershey School Trust</i> , to push for a change in the Boarding School's policy. Protesters from a Philadelphia church organized the event and unveiled a report card with the tagline "Hershey Ain't Sweet." Pastor Jeffrey Jordan of the MC Church of Philadelphia, “We are here to let everybody know of the discrimination,

				and hopefully people seeing this will begin to boycott Hershey. We want people to see our signs and to put pressure on Hershey to stop the discrimination.” Officials from the <i>Milton Hershey School</i> have claimed that allowing the boy to attend the school could put other students at risk of getting the virus through sexual contact. Last November, a lawsuit was filed on behalf of the boy by "The Aids Law Project" against the school for violating the <i>Americans With Disabilities Act</i> .
April 16	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:39:27A 37 seconds	Government/ Politics	President Barrack Obama is calling for an investigation into a prostitution scandal that rocked the Secret Service. Eleven agents were sent home from Columbia, where the President was attending the <i>Summit Of The Americas</i> , after reports the men brought prostitutes to their hotel rooms last week. The President says he'll be angry if the allegations are true. The men were placed on administrative leave and a new team of agents was brought in. Five members of the military are also said to be under investigation.
April 16	News 8 Today @ 6	6:04:14A 23 seconds	Government/ Politics	President Obama's <i>Buffett Rule</i> is officially on the table... The Senate is set to vote on the rule that would raise taxes on the wealthy. Last Wednesday, President Obama surrounded himself with business executives who agree with the principles of the <i>Buffett Rule</i> : if you make more than one million dollars a year, you should pay the same tax percentage as the middle class.
April 16	News 8 @ Noon	12:17:12P 23 seconds	Economy Shifts	Starting next year, don't look for government benefit checks in the mail. The federal government issues 73

				million payments a month, but is phasing out paper checks for all benefit programs. Beneficiaries will have to get payments electronically, either through direct deposit or a debit card. The changes will affect people who receive Social Security, Veterans benefits, railroad pensions, and federal disability payments.
April 16	News 8 @ Noon	12:17:53P 22 seconds	Economy Shifts	A new study says the nation's auto dealers are concerned that higher fuel efficiency standards will cost them sales because of higher prices. The <i>National Automobile Dealers Association</i> found car prices would go up by nearly \$3,000, making a new car unaffordable for as many as 4.2 million households. The new standards go into effect from 2017 to 2025.
April 16	News 8 @ Noon	12:21:11P 58 seconds	Obesity Epidemic	<p>A group of retired military leaders gathered at the State Capitol to speak out about childhood obesity, saying one in every four young people is too overweight to join the military; they claim it's impacting National Security. Steve Doster of <i>Mission Readiness</i>, "They spent their career looking over the next hill to see what the next threat was to National Security and posturing our armed forces to respond to that, and they see a real threat in the military ineligibility statistics and specifically in childhood obesity." The group is part of <i>Mission Readiness</i>.</p> <p>Also, a new study finds that girls often become obese because of stressors like domestic violence, poverty and parental substance abuse. Researchers at Columbia University who experienced more than one of those stressors were at increased risk for obesity by age five. Girls exposed to two or more stressors</p>

				had an even higher risk.
April 16	Dr. Oz	4:00P 60 minutes	General Health/ Wellness	On this episode, <i>Dr. Oz</i> reveals four silent killers in women and how they can catch them before they strike. Then, the best cancer-fighting foods can be found right in the supermarket; <i>Dr. Oz</i> shows viewers which foods they should have in their shopping cart to prevent disease. Finally, breakfast may be the most important meal of the day, but it can also be the most fattening. Nutritionist Heidi Skolnik is in studio to help <i>Dr. Oz</i> present the healthiest cereals that are sure to fill you up without filling you out, all under 100 calories.
April 16	News 8 @ 11	11:04:01P 52 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	After a violent weekend in Harrisburg, police are asking for help. There were a dozen reports of shots fired this past weekend, with two people wounded; that includes a 14 year old shot in the leg near 6 <sup>th</sup> and McClay Streets. No arrests yet, but police found bullet casings and a gun in some trash near south 15 <sup>th</sup> Street, and police are now offering cash rewards for help finding illegal guns. Harrisburg Police Chief Pierre Ritter, "I can't stress enough the importance of trying to get guns off the street; there is way too much illegal gun play. It's nonsense, every couple of days you here about shootings or someone getting stabbed somebody getting robbed. It's sad." Police say so far they have received about two-dozen tip calls about illegal guns.
April 17	News 8 Today @ 5	5:16:16A 33 seconds	Conservation/ Environment	The <i>Environmental Protection Agency</i> is expected to announce new rules that could affect thousands of Pennsylvania jobs connected to natural gas. The rules are part of the battle over

				fracking, which is forcing water mixed with sand and chemicals, underground to crack shale rock and release natural gas. That's what's done in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale region. Environmentalists are worried the process could contaminate ground water supplies. The oil and gas industry is worried the regulations will be too aggressive, costing jobs and cutting off a vast domestic energy source.
April 17	News 8 Today @ 5	5:17:51A 17 seconds	Government/ Politics	Senate Republicans have stalled an effort by Democrats to enact the so-called <i>Buffett Rule</i> , which would force the nation's top earners to pay at least 30% of their income in taxes. President Obama criticized the vote. Republicans called the measure a political ploy.
April 17	News 8 Today @ 6	6:32:03A 48 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	There is an increasing concern about what drug users are doing to get a stronger high. Police say they're getting more calls about marijuana and cigarettes soaked in embalming fluid. It goes by the name of <i>wet</i> . Police say people who have smoked it can suffer from psychosis that causes them to act out in an extreme manner. There have been no deaths linked to <i>wet</i> , but Mortician James Tate says people who use it are taking a tremendous risk. It's dangerous just to be near the substance. Tate, "We have to use gloves, gowns, masks, because of the intensity of the fumes it creates." Police believe the embalming fluid is coming in from outside the area because there are no reports of thefts here. Tate says people might be buying it online.
April 17	News 8 @ 5:30	5:36:14P	Economy Shifts	Drivers are arguably frustrated with the

		45 seconds		cost to fill up their gas tanks; nearly four dollars everywhere throughout the Susquehanna Valley. Many people blame oil speculators. Today however, President Obama said he's ready to crack down on them. Among the restrictions he's proposing, requiring speculators to put up more of their own money for transactions. "We can't afford a situation where speculators artificially manipulate markets by buying up oil, creating the perception of a shortage and driving prices higher, only to flip the oil for a quick profit." The President said the proposals won't bring gas prices down overnight, but will prevent market manipulation and help protect consumers.
April 17	News 8 @ 11	11:06:24P 45 seconds	Education	In York, a big crowd turned out for a public meeting on a School District plan to close the middle schools in favor of elementary schools serving Kindergarten through 8 <sup>th</sup> grades. More than 100 people turned out, including parents who fear younger students would be bullied by older students. But others supported the Superintendents view of the benefits of having students in one building. York School Superintendent Dr. Deborah Wortham, "...And the research says that students in a K-8 model perform higher in standardized tests than students in a traditional middle school." The School District would also benefit in the face of a \$19 million dollar budget deficit. It's estimated the restructuring plan could save the district about two million dollars.
April 18	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:32:48A 33 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Some members of the women's lacrosse team at <i>Franklin And Marshall College</i> are in hot water over accusations of hazing. Coach Lauren Paul has been fired and

				<p>11 players suspended because of it. The hazing incident allegedly took place last Fall. A college spokesperson says the school was made aware of the problem after an anonymous call to police. The suspended players are all juniors and seniors. <i>F&amp;M</i> Field Hockey Coach Missy Mariano has been named Interim Head Coach.</p>
April 18	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:47:17A 24 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>Harrisburg police are looking for vandals who damaged the old William Penn High School building in the uptown section of the city. Investigators say over the past month, vandals broke windows to get into the building. Once inside, they wrecked classrooms and lockers and sprayed graffiti and fire extinguishers throughout the building; they also ripped out copper pipes in the bathrooms and cafeteria. Police say the damage exceeds half a million dollars.</p>
April 18	News 8 @ 5	5:26:40P 56 seconds	Youth/Teen	<p>Bullying, it's one of the biggest issues impacting schools today, but now educators, students, and parents have a new weapon to fight bullying. The <i>U.S. Department of Education</i> just unveiled a new anti-bullying website called <a href="http://www.stopbullying.gov">www.stopbullying.gov</a>. The site is designed to encourage children, parents, and educators to take action. The website defines bullying and takes a look at individual state laws and policies when it comes to bullying. There's an entire section on what people can do in case of bullying, with separate section on dealing with cyber bullying, bullying students with special needs, and bullying that's pointed at someone's sexual orientation. Folks can also click on the section heading "kids" – they'll find information about bullying in simple terms that young people can</p>



				<p>understand. There are also webisodes that feature cartoon characters dealing with bullying issues. The website is a joint project between the <i>U.S. Department of Education</i> and the <i>Department of Health and Human Services</i>. It also has tips about how to talk to kids about bullying. They suggest parents, school staff, or other adults help kids understand what is classified as bullying, how to stand up to it safely, and how to get help. The website also suggests adults keep an open line of communication with children.</p>
April 18	News 8 @ 5:30	5:33:15P 1 minute 3 seconds	(Un)employment	<p>The U.S. Postal Service is swimming in an ever-deepening sea of red ink; the debt now estimated to be in the billions. To save money, the Postal Service is considering several options, including cutting 100,000 jobs, and closing hundreds of processing centers and thousands of post offices.</p> <p>In the Susquehanna Valley, those changes could cut hundreds of jobs in Reading, Harrisburg, and Lancaster. Today Pennsylvania Senator Bob Casey introduced a Bill that would prevent any closings and keep Saturday delivery services running for the next four years. Senator Casey says that would provide time to find solutions. Senator Casey says he hopes to have his Bill voted on before the end of the week.</p>
April 19	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:32:30A 47 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>A trailer of re-bar went missing from <i>Lane Metals</i> in Middlesex Township, Cumberland County last week. Police believe the thieves brought their own truck, hooked it to the trailer, and drove away the loot. They say the thieves know what they're doing, and may be trying to cash in on the high price of metal. Detective Gerald</p>

				Steigleman, “A legitimate scrap yard would question a large amount of steel coming in, but someone in a smaller scrap yard may be taking this stuff knowing it's stolen.” Similar crimes have been reported in Dauphin County, in West Hanover Township, and in Susquehanna Township.
April 19	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:40:00A 19 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	A criminal investigation is underway after an American soldier released photos showing U.S. Troops posing with Afghan corpses. The pictures were released to the <i>LA Times</i> by a soldier from the 82 <sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. He told the newspaper he wanted to draw attention to the safety risk and breakdown in leadership and discipline within the military.
April 19	News 8 Today @ 5	5:26:51A 42 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	For years, we've been hearing about a possible link between gum disease and heart disease. Now, the <i>American Heart Association</i> says there's no evidence of that. Bacteria from infected gums can get into the bloodstream, and for some time, doctors suspected the circulating bacteria might lead to problems throughout the cardiovascular system. But a team of experts looked at hundreds of studies and found no proof it was true. Doctors say while oral hygiene shouldn't be ignored, patients should refocus on heart disease prevention efforts like a healthy diet, exercise, and no smoking.
April 19	News 8 @ Noon	12:00:42P 48 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	Help is coming in the way of 1,900 additional staff to VA's across the nation. The <i>Department of Veterans Affairs</i> says 1,600 of those jobs will be Mental Health Clinicians such as nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers; the rest will be support staff.

				The reason for the extra help is based on the government's review of our VA's and the growing mental health needs of our Veterans. Since 2007, the VA has seen a 35% increase in the number of Veterans receiving mental health services, and a 41% increase in mental health staff. Recruitment is expected to begin immediately.
April 19	News 8 @ 5	5:12:19P 23 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	The results of a new study could change the way women are treated for breast cancer. British researchers have reclassified breast cancer into ten different categories based on the genetic makeup of a tumor. They say by pinpointing the biological cause of each tumor, they know which drugs it will respond to, allowing for more individual and personalized treatment options. The discovery won't affect women who have breast cancer right now, but it could change the course of treatment for patients in the future.
April 19	News 8 @ 5:30	5:32:32P 30 seconds	Economy Shifts	Fewer previously owned homes were sold last month, an indication that the housing market remains weak. The <i>National Association of Realtors</i> says home sales fell nearly 3% to 4.48 million, far below the six million economists say shows a healthy home sales market. Existing home sales so far this year are down for the first three months of this year compared to the same time last year.
April 19	News 8 @ 11	11:05:00P 45 seconds	Government/ Politics	Today, Harrisburg Mayor Linda Thompson introduced the man tapped to be the city's new <i>Chief of Staff</i> and <i>Business Administrator</i> . He's Ricardo Mendez-Saldivia of Florida. Mayor Thompson says he was chosen from nearly 300 candidates by a Review

				<p>Board that included the now-departed State Receiver David Unkovic. Saldivia is an Engineer by training, and will control much of the day to day operations of a government that's \$300 million dollars in debt. Despite Saldivia's appointment, Mayor Thompson says she's still in charge of City Government. City Council must still confirm his appointment to the \$110,000 a year job. Meanwhile, the Governor has not yet appointed a new Receiver for Harrisburg.</p>
April 20	News 8 Today @ 5	5:16:20A 33 seconds	Conservation/ Environment & General Health/ Wellness	<p>Pennsylvania's Health Secretary is assuring doctors that a new gas drilling law will allow them to talk to patients about fracking chemicals, and share the information with Public Health Agencies. A provision of the <i>Gas Drilling Law</i> requires doctors to sign a non-disclosure agreement about the chemicals, but doctors had been concerned it was too vague and could limit research into the public health impacts of gas drilling, and doctors' ability to diagnose and treat patients. Gas drilling companies haven't wanted to release the list of chemicals used in fracking, calling them trade secrets.</p>
April 20	News 8 Today @ 5	5:35:23A 44 seconds	Conservation/ Environment & (Un)employment	<p>An alternative energy company says it wants to turn a Susquehanna Valley city into the next Silicon Valley. <i>Ocean Thermal Energy Corporation</i> is planning on turning the old Rebman's Department Store in Lancaster into its offices. The company makes stations that turn cold water deep in the ocean into electricity. The stations will be all over the world, but their headquarters will bring more than 75 jobs to this spot. Investors say the company has the potential to change the world by not only providing power, but also because the process can create</p>

				drinkable water.
April 20	News 8 Today @ 6	6:11:08A 20 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Eating low-fat versions of dairy products could reduce your risk of a stroke; that's according to a new study of almost 75,000 adults. Those who ate low-fat dairy foods had a 12% lower risk of stroke than those who consumed high-fat milk, yogurt and cheese. Researchers say reduced fat dairy products also offer the health benefits of calcium, potassium and Vitamin D.
April 20	News 8 @ 5	5:20:52P 29 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Quitting smoking can be a hard habit to kick, but now there's something new that may help with the process. Researchers say exercise can increase a person's chance of quitting for good. They followed more than 400,000 adults in Taiwan and found that smokers who engaged in at least moderate physical activity were 55% more likely to successfully quit smoking than smokers who are not active. The people who exercised were also less likely to relapse.
April 21	News 8 Today Weekend	9:09:59A 40 seconds	Economy Shifts	Buying beer with your groceries... The state has granted approval for another <i>Giant Food</i> store to sell beer. <i>Giant</i> hopes to begin selling beer at its Linglestown Road location in Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County this fall. People will be able to buy "2" six packs or drink two bottles in the store's <i>Marketplace Café</i> . <i>Giant</i> plans to offer domestic, imported, and microbrews. The store says everyone will have to show ID. <i>Giant</i> also has approval to sell beer at its East York store, and its store in Straban Township, Adams County.  <i>Weis Markets</i> already sells beer and malt

				beverages in 12 stores in Pennsylvania. It's applied to sell beer at its store on Roosevelt Avenue in York. And the <i>Wegman's</i> store in Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County already sells beer.
April 21	News 8 @ 6	6:04:10P 28 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	York is dealing with a rash of violence. To combat the issue, a <i>Gangs And Guns Violence Awareness Seminar</i> was held in the city. The Mayor, city police, and residents turned out to talk about steps to make their community's safe. Noreen Freeland of the <i>Cease Fire PA York Chapter</i> , "It's always important to be able to have the community come out and learn, be educated, and also to educate myself. There are still things that I'm learning, so as a community activist, I need to learn what's going on as well." The York Branch of <i>Cease Fire PA</i> hosted the event. This was just the first of many meetings the organization plans to host.
April 22	News 8 @ 6 Delayed Newscast Due To NBC Sports	6:39:16P 26 seconds	Education	College seniors preparing to graduate face the weakest jobs market in more than a decade. According to government data, more than half of recent graduates are either out of work or employed in positions not requiring a college degree. Job prospects are best for graduates with degrees in science, education and health fields. Philosophy, arts and humanities majors were among the least likely to find jobs equal to their education level.
April 22	News 8 @ 11	11:05:16P 18 seconds	Economy Shifts	Motorists are finally getting some relief at the pump. The <i>Lundberg Survey</i> of fuel prices says the average price of a gallon of gasoline nationwide has dropped a nickel over the past two weeks to \$3.91 for a gallon of regular.

				It's the first decline in the U.S. average since December.
April 22	News 8 @ 11	11:06:20P 22 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	The U.S. And Afghanistan has initialed a deal ensuring that Americans will provide military and financial support for the Afghan people for at least a decade beyond 2014; that's the deadline for most U.S. and NATO troops to withdraw. The deal is key to the U.S. exit strategy in Afghanistan and still must be signed by the Presidents of both nations.
April 23	News 8 @ Noon	12:20:42P 32 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Researchers say they believe they have figured out what causes the brain freeze, the pain you can feel in your head after eat or drink something cold too quickly. Experts at <i>Harvard Medical School</i> had 13 adults drink ice water from a straw that pressed on their upper palate. The participants raised their hand when the brain freeze began, then lowered it once it had passed. Diagnostic imaging of their brains revealed blood flow to the brain increased rapidly once the brain freeze started. Researchers say this change in blood flow is the source of brain pain.
April 23	News 8 @ 5	5:11:50P 30 seconds	Government/ Politics	An update on the prostitution scandal involving Secret Service Agents... Today, White House lawyers have concluded that none of its staff members were engaged in improper conduct. The scandal has already cost six secret service agents their jobs, and the Chairman on the <i>House Homeland Security Committee</i> predicts there will be more. The <i>Congressional Committee</i> investigating the scandal wants the names of the prostitutes and a timeline of what happened and whether any other agents solicited prostitutes in the

				past five years.
April 23	News 8 @ 5:30	5:33:34P 25 seconds	Economy Shifts	The future of Social Security is taking a hit. The Federal Government says a bad economy and higher energy prices have shortened the life of the trust funds that support the program by three years. The trustees who oversee Social Security now say the program's trust funds will run dry in 2033. The annual report by the trustees says Congress should address the programs as soon as possible, but no action is likely before the November election.
April 24	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:41:54A 34 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	Federal investigators have found nearly half of Veterans seeking mental health care for the first time are waiting about 50 days before receiving a full evaluation; that's a much longer lag-time than what the <i>Department of Veterans Affairs</i> has reported. The VA has claimed 95% of new patients seeking mental health treatment get a full evaluation within 14 days, but an Inspector General's report obtained by the Associated Press said the VA was overstating its success. The report also confirmed that the VA's doctors and other medical staff don't believe they have the manpower necessary to handle the growing Veteran caseload.
April 24	News 8 @ Noon	12:11:55P 19 seconds	Economy Shifts	The ailing U.S. Postal Service could get some help from the government. A Senate Bill would give the Postal Service roughly eleven billion dollars from overpayments to a federal retirement fund, but Republicans say that would violate budget control agreements. The Postal Service says it could run out of money for day-to-day operations as soon as this fall.



April 24	News 8 @ Noon	12:20:37P 23 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	The cholesterol levels of American adults continue to drop. According to a report released today by the <i>Centers For Disease Control And Prevention</i> , only 13% of U.S. adults have high total cholesterol. Experts say they believe it's largely because so many Americans take cholesterol-lowering drugs, but declining smoking rates and other factors also contributed.
April 24	News 8 @ 5	5:14:18P 60 seconds	National Security	<p>Arizona's controversial <i>Immigration Law</i> is being tested this week. On April 25, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments challenging the <i>Law</i>. Today, the <i>Senate Judiciary Committee</i> is hearing testimony about the <i>Law's</i> impact from both supporters and opponents.</p> <p>The <i>Law</i> was signed in 2010 and allows police to check the immigration status of anyone they suspect to be in the country illegally. It has prompted rallies and protests across the state. A former State Senator is defending the Bill, while another former Senator says he's embarrassed for his state. Former U.S. Senator Dennis Deconcini, "I apologize for Arizona's actions toward our Latino community. Legal or illegal, this is not a way to treat people." Former Arizona State Senator Russell Pearce, "I think Americans are a little tired of the drive by statements of politicians, instead of dealing with the issue at hand. Enforce our laws, secure our border. It's not too much to ask Mr. Chairman." The Supreme Court isn't expected to make a ruling until June.</p>
April 24	News 8 @ 5:30	5:33:25P 55 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	We often think of identity theft as a crime that only impacts adults, but more and more often, identity thieves

				<p>are targeting children. According to the <i>Federal Trade Commission</i>, there were more than 19,000 cases of child identity theft in 2011, up from about 6,000 in 2003. The reason: children do not have credit cards or loans, so it could be years before any ID theft is noticed.</p> <p>Here are three things parents can do to protect their children's identity. First: check with the <i>Social Security Administration</i> to make sure no one is using their child's Social Security number to apply for a job, and you need to do that twice a year. Second: parents should also request copies of their children's credit reports; if the child is younger than 18, there shouldn't be one. And third: parents also need to watch for bills addressed to their children or phone calls from creditors; those are red flags that their children's identity is in danger.</p>
April 24	News 8 @ 6	6:05:41P 27 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Federal investigators say they've busted a multi-million dollar synthetic drug operation here in the Susquehanna Valley. Eight men face charges for allegedly selling synthetic drugs, including "bath salts", at convenience stores in Dauphin, Cumberland, Lebanon Mifflin and Lancaster Counties. Prosecutors say they also seized six million dollars that they believe came from drug sales.
April 25	News 8 Today @ 5	5:16:42A 34 seconds	(Un)employment	Layoffs for some employees at the <i>Susquehanna Association For The Blind...</i> A total of 30 employees, 16 of them legally blind, had been making chin straps and other components for combat helmets – now they're out of work. A spokesperson commented, "A lot of it has to do with troop draw downs and inventory levels.

				Budgeting. It's a really complicated situation we find ourselves in right now." But there's a bit of good news... About half the laid-off workers could find jobs at a food processing facility just outside Lancaster, which is expected to open in the summer.
April 25	News 8 @ Noon	12:13:33P 33 seconds	Conservation/ Environment	The results are in from the latest study on America's air quality. The <i>American Lung Association</i> says the air quality in the nation's most polluted city, Bakersfield, California is the cleanest it's been in more than a decade. While that's progress, the report also found 40% of people in the U.S. currently live in areas where pollution remains a serious health threat. The Susquehanna Valley received mostly low marks for high ozone days. Adams county got a "C", Perry county received a "D", while Berks, Dauphin, Lancaster, and York Counties all got failing grades. Franklin County earned the highest mark for our region, a "B". The <i>American Lung Association</i> says there is no monitor collecting data for Cumberland or Lebanon Counties.
April 25	News 8 @ 5:30	5:34:13P 56 seconds	Education	In July, the rate graduates pay on some student loans will double, and that has caught the attention of President Obama. Right now, he is on a two day college tour, speaking to students about the need to keep the cost of education down. He is pushing Congress to keep the current rate of 3.4% for federally subsidized Stafford Loans. If Congress does nothing, that rate will jump to 6.8% on July 1. The President criticized Republicans in Congress who say funding student loans is hurting the economy. "This is about your job security. This is about your future. If you do well, the economy does well.

				This is about the economy!" After Obama made his speech, Republican House Speaker John Boehner said there will be a vote Friday to prevent student loans from doubling, and he said any funds taken to help students would come out of Obama's new Healthcare Bill.
April 25	News 8 @ 11	11:06:14P 45 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Harrisburg, there is concern over dog protection laws in Pennsylvania due to lack of funding and lack of enforcement officers. The state's <i>Dog Advisory Board</i> met for the first time in a year today. The Board is primarily focused on preventing animal abuse in kennels, but a lack of funding could mean fewer wardens available to enforce abuse laws, and that would allow more unlawful kennels to stay in business. To generate more funding, the Advisory Board says wardens need to write more citations for people with unlicensed dogs.
April 25	News 8 @ 11	11:09:54P 29 seconds	Government/ Politics	Some good news for the U.S. Postal Service...at least for now. The Senate voted today to give the Post Office \$11 billion dollars to keep it from going bankrupt; that would keep the Postal Service from having to close local post offices. Last year, more than 100 offices were targeted for shutdown, including this one on Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster. The money also allows the Post Office to continue Saturday mail delivery. The Bill now goes to House.
April 26	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:41:34A 19 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	The Pentagon is signaling that the Army could lay off as many as 24,000 enlisted personnel and up to 5,000 Officers to meet a projected reduction in the Force. Earlier this year, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said the Army

				would shrink by about 80,000 within five years. An Army Official says the layoff numbers are estimates, based on attrition rates.
April 26	News 8 Today @ 5	5:04:19A 24 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Lancaster police are looking for the vandals who slashed the tires on more than 30 cars. It happened late Sunday night, April 23 on West Lemon, North Mulberry, North Charlotte, West Frederick, and Lancaster Avenue.
April 26	News 8 Today @ 6	6:46:41A 24 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Harrisburg, the Mayor and Police Chief held the last in a series of Crime Prevention Town Hall Meetings. Like the earlier ones, residents gave them an earful about neighborhood crime, like shootings, armed robberies, and drugs. Police and the Mayor say there are more foot patrols, more cops on bikes, and soon there will be surveillance cameras across the city. The Mayor also says getting the city out of debt will help in fighting crime. "Our cops can't be everywhere but certainly getting more money into our city budget adds value to getting more cops on the street." The Mayor says more police officers will be hired this year, but they won't get through training and onto the streets until next year.
April 26	News 8 @ Noon	12:00:25P 27 seconds	(Un)employment	There seems to be signs of a slowdown when it comes to hiring in America. The Labor Department reports weekly unemployment applications dipped by just 1,000 to 388,000. That's little change from the previous week's figure, which was the highest since January 7. Jobless applications jumped sharply three weeks ago, a sign that employers had increased layoffs and added fewer jobs, and have yet to drop back.

April 26	News 8 @ Noon	12:20:00P 28 seconds	Youth/Teen	Violence can prematurely age children by as much as a decade. A new study looked at the DNA sequences of children who faced three types of violence: domestic violence against their mother, bullying, and mistreatment from an adult. Researchers found the sequences shortened more quickly than normal in kids exposed to violence. They say that may make children more likely to get diseases associated with aging, like heart attacks, seven to ten years before their peers.
April 26	News 8 @ 5	5:25:19P 27 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	The <i>American Cancer Society</i> is recommending that cancer survivors exercise more and improve their diets to prevent the disease from coming back. The <i>Society</i> says there is now enough evidence to strongly recommend physical activity and better nutrition for survivors. For many cancers, maintaining a healthy weight, exercise, and eating a healthy diet can reduce the risk that cancer will return.
April 26	News 8 @ 5:30	5:32:24P 35 seconds	Economy Shifts	Mortgage rates remain at record lows, dipping again to 3.88% for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage. The big question for many people, 'Do I refinance my home loan or not?' You need to take more than just a lower interest rate into account. There are costs to refinancing, and if the costs of bank fees and appraisals outweigh the potential savings, you may want to think twice. Also if you don't plan to live in your home for much longer, refinancing may not be a good move because you won't be there long enough to pay-off refinancing costs.

April 26	News 8 @ 5:30	5:36:03P 29 seconds	Conservation/ Environment	The <i>State Health Department</i> says it has received fewer than 30 complaints from people who feel the drilling for natural gas in Pennsylvania has impacted their health, but the agency is refusing to provide details. We do know <i>Health Department</i> funding has been cut by about two million dollars, money that was supposed to be used to research and register the health impacts of gas drilling.
April 26	News 8 @ 11	11:08:50P 20 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	In Afghanistan, three American Troops were killed in a bomb attack. The NATO Military Coalition would give no further details on the bombing. Also today, an Afghan Soldier opened fire from atop a building in Kandahar Province, fatally shooting a U.S. Soldier and an Afghan interpreter; three other Coalition Troops were wounded in that attack.
April 26	News 8 @ 11	11:09:34P 19 seconds	National Security	U.s. Counter Terrorism Officials are expressing concern, as we near the one year anniversary of the death of Osama Bin Laden. They're particularly concerned about potential violence from an Al Qaida affiliate in Yemen. It's the same group believed to be behind the failed attempt to bring down a jetliner over Detroit on Christmas in 2009.
April 27	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:34:39A 54 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Berks County, a drug bust. The District Attorney announced his <i>Drug Task Force</i> and the Hamburg Police Department seized 56 packets of synthetic marijuana and other items from the Hamburg Market on North 4 <sup>th</sup> Street. The store owner and an employee are now facing several charges.

				<p>All across the Susquehanna Valley, officials say drugs like synthetic marijuana and bath salts continue to be a big problem, despite the fact they were banned last year. Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick says some sellers are getting around the law by changing the makeup of the drugs. "Unfortunately, we have smart chemists who continue to figure out ways to evolve a substance that high and make it even more intense." Another reason that officials say they'll be fighting this problem for a long time, the drugs are very profitable, in some cases, bringing in five to ten times what they cost to make.</p>
April 27	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:39:56A 32 seconds	National Security	<p>The U.S. House has passed a Bill aimed at stopping hacking into U.S. infrastructure and private companies. The <i>Cyber Intelligence Sharing And Protection Act</i>, or "CISPA," would encourage companies and the federal government to share information collected on the internet to prevent electronic attacks from cyber criminals, foreign governments, and terrorists. But the White House is already threatening a veto, saying it fails to protect Americans' privacy. Instead, the Obama Administration prefers a Senate measure that would give the <i>Homeland Security Department</i> the primary role in overseeing domestic cyber security.</p>
April 27	News 8 Today @ 5	5:15:31A 54 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>The <i>Centers For Disease Control And Prevention</i> says nearly a third of all American workers are sleep-deprived. The <i>National Sleep Foundation</i> recommends healthy adults get seven to nine hours of sleep per night, but a CDC survey shows most working adults only get about six. Night shift</p>



				workers are the hardest hit; about 44% of people who work overnight reported getting too little sleep, compared to 29% of those who work the dayshift. And certain industries seem to take bigger toll on your sleep than others. The CDC says nearly 70% of people working night shifts in transportation and warehousing aren't catching enough z's. Insufficient sleep can be harmful and is sometimes blamed for crashes and machinery related accidents. Over time, a lack of sleep can affect your overall health and lead to a number of chronic diseases and conditions, like diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular disease.
April 27	News 8 @ 5:30	5:35:34P 48 seconds	Economy Shifts	As if high gas prices weren't enough, new numbers out show it's more than fuel pushing up the cost to drive. According to <i>Triple A's</i> annual "Driving Cost" study, the overall cost to own and operate your car is up nearly 2% this year. Breaking that number down, fuel costs are up 14% and right now, the average cost per gallon in the Susquehanna Valley is \$383. Also adding to the cost to drive, tires. It cost more to make tires, so you're paying 4% more. And car insurance costs are up 3%; the average price tag of a year's worth of car insurance is a thousand dollars. How is this for comparison... <i>Triple A</i> first released its "Cost To Drive" survey in 1950. Back then, gas was \$.27 per gallon.
April 27	News 8 @ 11	11:03:15P 48 seconds	Healthcare & Reform	The state has extended the grace period for parents to comply with its new school immunization requirements. The rules were supposed to go into effect next week, but now, they have two more weeks to comply. The <i>Health Department</i> says it's extended the

				<p>deadline because some school districts are reporting that students have not yet been vaccinated. The vaccines are for mumps, chicken pox, and meningitis. Martin Raniowski, <i>Deputy Secretary of Health</i>, “We don’t want to turn children either away from school. We thought this two week period gave them enough time, so they can turn in their records or so they can get an appointment so they can get vaccinated, and it still gives the school time to collect those records and turn them into the department before the end of school year.” Children who don't get the vaccinations may not be able to attend school.</p>
April 27	News 8 @ 11	11:06:02P 43 seconds	Youth/Teen	<p>In Dauphin County, school officials say they are up against a growing problem. Its students, some as young as 10 years old, abusing prescription drugs. Dauphin County's <i>Department of Drug and Alcohol Services</i> says it has helped 133 students with drug and alcohol abuse issues this year; it expects that number to spike during prom and graduation season. The <i>National Institute of Drug Abuse</i> has tips to help parents talk to their youngsters about drugs.</p>
April 28	News 8 Today Weekend	9:34:02A 32 seconds	Government/ Politics & Education	<p>A Bill to keep student loan rates from doubling passed the U.S. House. GOP Lawmakers passed the <i>Interest Rate Reduction Act</i>, ignoring a White House threat to veto the measure. The White House opposed the nearly six billion dollar Bill because Republicans wanted to cover its costs by taking funds from preventive programs in the President's Health Care Law. The Bill now heads to the Senate, where it’s expected to be ignored as the Senate comes up with its own version.</p>

April 28	News 8 @ 6	6:03:25P 50 seconds	Government/ Politics	<p>The <i>Pennsylvania Public Welfare Department</i> is about to start asking food stamp recipients to prove they don't have significant personal assets in order to qualify for benefits. The new rules for participants in the <i>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</i> start Tuesday, although it'll be some six months before the <i>Department</i> knows how many will lose food stamps. The asset test prevents food stamps from going to anyone under age 60 with certain assets worth more than \$5,500, and \$9,000 for those 60 and older. The rules pertain to cash, stocks and bonds, but not to pension plans, retirement accounts, home values or life insurance. About 1.8 million Pennsylvanians currently receive food stamps. Advocates for the poor say the new rules will hurt families and be expensive to administer.</p>
April 29	News 8 Today Weekend	9:04:25A 47 seconds	Government/ Politics	<p>Hundreds came out to the Capitol steps for a rally for women. Organizers say they want to show support for reproductive rights, equal pay, and the <i>Violence Against Women Act</i>. They say those rights are now in jeopardy because of recent actions taken by State Legislatures and Congress. One co-organizer commented, "We are not going to let us go back to the 1920's. Women have rights and we are equal citizens, and we will be equal citizens and it's not about abortion and it's not about birth control, it's about women's rights in general." Harrisburg's rally was part of a larger movement taking place across the nation including events in Washington DC, New York City, and Atlanta. Representatives from the national organization for women, <i>Code Pink</i>, and <i>Catholics for Choice</i> were part of those rallies held nationwide.</p>

April 29	News 8 @ 6 Delayed Newscast Due To NBC Sports	6:34:18P 42 seconds	Conservation/ Environment	Neighbors against developing in a Mount Gretna forest met today. Members of the group <i>Preserve Mount Gretna</i> talked for two hours about a new sewer system that has been installed; they are concerned the area may be re-zoned for residential or commercial use and trees could be leveled. Marla Pitt of <i>Preserve Mount Gretna</i> , “When you come into Gretna, it kind of surrounds you. It even meets you before you arrive. It's a very precious and rare thing nowadays to have such a mature forest in a community.” This follows a re-zoning plan that would have allowed a townhouse community in Mount Gretna, but the plan was tabled in August.
April 30	News 8 @ Noon	12:19:40P 32 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Pediatricians report a rapid rise in <i>Type Two Diabetes</i> over the past 20 years. A new study reveals the disease progresses faster in children than in adults, and is more difficult to treat. Researchers followed nearly 700 children who were both obese and diabetic. They found oral medications that are able to treat most adults stopped working in about half the patients within several years. The children also needed to add insulin shots to control their blood sugar. Experts suspect growth spurts and hormonal changes during puberty may be what causes the disease to progress faster.
April 30	News 8 @ 5:30	5:33:34P 45 seconds	Government/ Politics & Conservation/ Environment	The state's new law regarding natural gas drilling has been on the books for just a few months, but some state lawmakers are already calling for it to be revisited. A group of Democratic Representatives said today the fees and

				taxes Pennsylvania charges drillers are some of the lowest in the nation. They argue Pennsylvanians are being short-changed when it comes to tax collection and environmental protections. Among other things, the group wants to create tax credits to encourage drilling companies to hire Pennsylvania workers. Governor Corbett has said keeping the cost of doing business low is important, so gas companies do not stop drilling here.
April 30	News 8 @ 5:30	5:43:23P 19 seconds	Economy Shifts	The price of bacon is going down, after “porking” out last year. Pork belly prices peaked at about \$150 per hundred pounds in August. Now they're in the 80's, which means you will probably pay \$3 to \$4 a pound at the supermarket. Bacon prices should increase toward the end of summer, but not as high as last year.
April 30	News 8 @ 11	11:02:43P 48 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Lancaster, more tire occurred slashings overnight and police have this message for the slasher, “Stop it and get a life.” At least nine cars were hit in this latest wave of vandalism on the North Mulberry Street. One of the victims was also hit by the "acid throwing" vandal a couple of years ago. Last week, in the same part of the city, about 30 tires were slashed. Police are not sure if the cases are linked.
May 1	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:32:22A 53 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Harrisburg police have charged eight people, including five juveniles, in connection with break-ins and vandalism at a vacant school building. Police say the damage at the old William Penn High School happened between February 20 and April 8. They say the school was burned, windows were broken, and dozens of

				<p>fire extinguishers were discharged.</p> <p>The vandalism spree is prompting calls for the building to be brought back to life. The school in uptown Harrisburg closed in 2010, and has been badly in need of repairs for years. Now some are questioning why it's been allowed to deteriorate. The damage is estimated at \$250,000. Police say the vandals also stole electronics and other items left in the building.</p>
May 1	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:46:52A 28 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	<p>In York, the price of riding the bus is going to go up. <i>Rabbit Transit</i> says it wants to raise fares on their fixed routes by ten cents this year; that would bring the normal adult fare to a \$1.50 per ride. They also plan on raising the price another five cents in 2013, and again in 2014. <i>Rabbit Transit</i> says the rising cost of gas and uncertainty about future government funding is to blame for the price hike. A public hearing will be held May 14 for anyone who wants to give their feedback about the rate increases.</p>
May 1	News 8 Today @ 6	6:10:55A 24 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>A new study shows the benefits of mammograms may outweigh the harms for women in their 40's. There has been a long debate whether women in their 40's should get mammograms due to the large number of false positives. But a new <i>Georgetown University</i> study found women may benefit from mammograms if they have a close relative with breast cancer. Researchers say even these women only need a mammogram every other year.</p>
May 1	News 8 @ Noon	12:12:19P 18 seconds	National Security	<p>Five men have been arrested in an alleged plot to blow up a bridge near Cleveland, Ohio. The FBI says there</p>

				was no danger to the public because the explosives were inoperable and were controlled by an undercover agent. Authorities say at least three of the men are self-described anarchists and are not tied to international terrorism.
May 1	News 8 @ 6	6:06:22P 20 seconds	(Un)employment	From York County, layoffs at <i>BAE Systems</i> were announced today. The company says it's temporarily shutting down production of its Bradley fighting vehicles. As a result, more than 200 workers will be laid off from mid-July through mid-August. <i>BAE</i> says the production break is due to a contract delay for repair work on the Bradley.
May 1	News 8 @ 11	11:16:16P 25 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Researchers at the <i>Centers For Disease Control</i> found more than half of all children with asthma have been exposed to second-hand smoke, further raising their risk of health problems. Those youngsters "wheezed" more than those not exposed to smoke. They also had more problems sleeping and participating in physical activities because of the additional strain on their breathing.
May 2	News 8 Today @ 5	5:03:08A 43 seconds	Government/ Politics	In Cumberland County, hundreds of people packed a Community Center in Silver Spring Township on May 1, urging the Governor not to cut funding for Human Services. Many at the meeting say County Programs have saved them from drug and alcohol addiction, or helped with intellectual challenges and homelessness. Critics say the proposed cuts will cost taxpayers much more in the long run. Jack Carroll from the <i>Cumberland/Perry Drug &amp; Alcohol Program</i> , "Most obviously in jails but also in emergency services, crisis intervention programs, domestic

				<p>violence, child abuse and neglect.” Commissioners from Cumberland and Perry County say they want the Governor to hear from people most affected by the planned cuts.</p>
May 2	News 8 Today @ 5	5:14:15A 47 seconds	Government/ Politics	<p>There's a bit of a change in who gets food stamps... Some lawmakers criticized a law that's now in effect, which forces recipients to pass a means test. Some say it punishes the elderly and the poor, and fewer families will be able to get the help they need.</p> <p>Under the new law, people 59 and younger who have \$5,500 or more in assets, including savings, but excluding a car, would not be eligible for food stamps. The state says it's just trying to protect your tax dollars from fraud. Anne Bale from the <i>Department of Public Welfare</i>, “It’s just away to ask people, if they have resources on hand to turn to them before coming to the government.” Nearly two-million Pennsylvanians receive food stamps. The <i>Department of Public Welfare</i> is projecting that just 1% of them will be directly affected by the new law.</p>
May 2	News 8 Today @ 6	6:10:13A 21 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	<p>A new study has found there's a bigger problem on the road than distracted driving. New research shows drivers either fail to use turn signals when changing lanes or forget to turn them off – 48% of the time! When making an actual turn, the failure rate was found to be about 25% of the time. Failing to use turn signals results in two-times more accidents than texting and driving.</p>
May 2	News 8 @ Noon	12:22:47P 21 seconds	Youth/Teen	<p>A new survey finds more teens are using marijuana. The survey by the</p>



				<p><i>Partnership At Drugfree.Org</i> found marijuana use among teens grew from 19% in 2008 to 27% in 2011, with nearly one in ten teens saying they smoke pot 20 or more times a month. Over 70% of teens surveyed said they have friends who regularly smoke pot.</p>
May 2	News 8 @ 5	5:26:56P 49 seconds	Education	<p>The cost of college is going up, and how much you pay could depend on the subject you study in school.</p> <p>Tuition rates have been steadily increasing over the past several years as funding for higher education goes down. Now, there's new research that shows you may pay more for college, depending on your major. A new study by <i>Cornell University</i> found more than 140 public Universities charged different tuition rates depending on the courses in which you enrolled. Researchers say it makes sense to charge more for certain majors that cost more to teach and could lead to higher paying jobs. Engineering, business and nursing majors pay different tuition rates the most often. On the other hand, social sciences tend to pay the least. The <i>Cornell</i> study says economists justify higher tuition for upperclassmen, because those students generally have smaller classes, and they're more likely to complete their degrees and reap the economic benefits.</p>
May 2	News 8 @ 6	6:07:34P 44 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>A new effort is underway at <i>Lebanon Valley College</i> to help bring awareness about sexual assault. Students were working with the <i>Sexual Assault Resource And Counseling Center</i> in Lebanon to produce a marketing campaign, which they presented today. It included a new website design, a mobile app, and printed materials. One student</p>

				commented, “It means a lot. It’s an opportunity to reach out to a group we have not always been able to reach out to, teenagers and young adults. It really does impact you, when you see and hear that video you understand what they went through and the healing process.” Students hope their work will have a lasting impact in helping victims of sexual abuse.
May 2	News 8 @ 11	11:06:47P 25 seconds	Healthcare & Reform	In Harrisburg, people from across the state rallied at the Capitol building today. It was to oppose Governor Corbett's plan to cut 20% from mental health services effecting people with disabilities. Protesters say it would eliminate or adversely affect services for the disabled, who are helped in their communities by caregivers and in group homes.
May 3	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:32:08A 42 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Lancaster, anxious residents are joining forces to put an end to a rash of tire slashings in the northwest section of the city. Police now say there are about 50 victims. Carmen Garcia-Hommel is one of them. She says her street, the 100 block of North Mulberry, has been hit three times, and that's why she organized this meeting with dozens of her neighbors, police, and the Mayor. Garcia-Hommel, “Sometimes you need to be shaken up a little bit to get active. So maybe that's what this was. It's a bit of a shakeup. It will remind us to put our porch lights on. Take that extra 30 seconds to look up and down the street and just be taking care of each other.” Police told residents they have some leads in the case, but would not go into specifics. In the meantime, they're asking more neighbors to come forward.

May 3	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:40:43A 20 seconds	Healthcare & Reform	Federal prosecutors have charged 107 people across seven U.S. cities in a scheme to cheat the Medicare system out of hundreds of millions of dollars. The accused, including doctors, nurses, social workers, and health care company owners, allegedly raked in \$452 million dollars through phony billing practices. The arrests are the latest in a three-year crackdown on health care fraud, which is estimated to cost taxpayers between \$80 and \$160 billion per year.
May 3	News 8 @ 5	5:09:27P 41 seconds	(Un)employment	365,000...That's the number of people who signed up last week for first-time unemployment benefits. Down 27,000 from the week before – the largest one week drop in more than 3 months. Claims shot up in early April, stayed high for a few weeks, and then dropped last week. A little perspective... When weekly unemployment claims stay below 375,000, it usually means hiring is strong enough to lower the unemployment rate.
May 3	News 8 @ 5:30	5:32:25P 29 seconds	(Un)employment	Thirty-thousand Pennsylvanians on unemployment will see their benefits end next week. It's all because the state's unemployment rate has been too low to qualify for the additional federal unemployment benefits. Anyone on the 13 week "Extended Benefits" program will only be allowed to claim up through Saturday, May 12; after that, the benefits end even if you are still unemployed. As of today there are 306,000 people in Pennsylvania collecting unemployment benefits.
May 3	News 8 @ 11	11:03:41P 32 seconds	Education	In York, the latest on the <i>School Funding Crisis</i> ...

				<p>Today the first of 50 teachers were official told they are being laid off; that is in addition to the nearly 100 teachers who lost their jobs last year. And the job cuts may not end there, which the Teachers Union President calls "heartbreaking" and parents call something else. Mother Katie Enig, "We are going to lose teachers and classrooms are going to get bigger. I think it is terrible." The York City School District is working to close a \$19 million dollar budget deficit caused in part by state funding cutbacks.</p>
May 3	News 8 @ 11	11:16:50P 25 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>Does where you live impact your health? A new study says: absolutely. It found that you are more likely to have a strong, healthy heart if you live in a neighborhood that promotes a healthy lifestyle. It helps if you feel safe and have a pleasant place to walk. Sidewalks and easy access to parks and trails also helps. And neighborhood grocery stores with plenty of fresh fruit and veggies, as well as healthy restaurants within walking distance help with a healthy diet.</p>
May 4	News 8 @ Noon	12:02:13P 19 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	<p>In Cumberland County, <i>Penndot</i> has started the prep work on an eight million dollar project to eliminate the York split bottleneck on I-83 North and Route 581 West. The Lowther Street Bridge over I-83 in Lemoyne is being replaced, a major contributor to the traffic tie-ups. The bridge work should be complete by the end of May 2013.</p>
May 4	News 8 @ 6	6:02:56P 32 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>Harrisburg will have extra police officers downtown this weekend, including State Troopers and Capitol police. The city is working to make</p>

				<i>Restaurant Row</i> , the popular area along Second Street, safer for <i>Cinco De Mayo</i> festivities. Downtown businesses will be also pay for six off-duty city officers. The extra manpower comes after several violent incidents downtown.
May 4	News 8 @ 11	11:08:49P 32 seconds	Economy Shifts	Based on the April <i>Jobs Report</i> , the <i>Labor Department</i> says the economy is growing, but is still sluggish. Just 115,000 jobs were added during the month in the professional, manufacturing, retail and healthcare sectors. The service sector accounted for most of them, with 101,000 new jobs. The <i>Bureau of Labor Statistics</i> also found government cut 15,000 jobs in April. The national unemployment rate is 8.1%, down one-tenth of one-point.
May 5	News 8 @ 11	11:03:31P 21 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Cumberland County, Upper Allen Police need help to find those responsible for graffiti found at Township Parks. On Friday, May 4, police found the marks on climbing wall equipment and slides at the Spring Run Acres Park and the Mount Allen Park. The graffiti included a circle with a line going through it and two dots outside the circle. The initials "ST" were found as well.
May 6	News 8 @ 6	6:00:55P 1 minute 29 seconds	Economy Shifts	<i>PPL Electric</i> has filed paperwork with the state's <i>Public Utility Commission</i> to hike their rates. The increase is a big one, more than 15%.  <i>PPL</i> filed that request to jump rates on March 30. Typically the <i>Public Utility Commission</i> would approve it after a period of 60 days, but this is a letter from the <i>State's Consumer Advocate Office</i> , drafted just a few days ago asking the <i>PUC</i> deny <i>PPL's</i> request to jump rates

				<p>16.5%. <i>PPL</i> says the hike would garner about \$104 million dollars for the company, which it says would be used to pay off improvements they made to their system back in 2010.</p> <p>Here's the breakdown: the rate hike will be in the distribution portion of the bill. <i>PPL</i> says that accounts for about a third of a bill for a normal home, granted it uses about 1,000 kilowatt hours of power per month. With this rate increase, that would roughly equal out to a jump of about \$7 a month. <i>PPL</i> says they have actually lowered rates in past years, and consumers won't really notice the increase. Joe Nixon of <i>PPL</i>, "The rate request is prudent and its necessary to be able to continue to deliver safe and reliable service, that in a nutshell is what it's all about." The <i>Consumer Advocate Office</i> is also asking the <i>PUC</i> to hold public hearings about the rate increase. <i>PPL</i> says it will likely go into effect on January 1, 2013.</p>
May 7	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:35:00A 27 seconds	Government/ Politics	<p>In Dauphin County, more than 4,000 residents from across the state took part in the <i>90<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Township Supervisors Conference</i> in Hershey. They were able to talk directly with local leaders to learn more about the issues facing their communities. Township Leaders also met with State Lawmakers, not to ask for money, but to encourage Legislators to lift some of the unfunded mandates they say their Townships can't afford.</p>
May 7	News 8 Today @ 5	5:45:32A 25 seconds	National Security	<p>An airstrike in Yemen has killed a top Al-Qaeda leader on the FBI's most wanted list for his role in the 2000 bombing of the <i>USS Cole</i> warship. Fahd Al-Quso helped plan the attack on the <i>USS Cole</i> that killed 17 American Sailors</p>

				and wounded others, including Joseph Davis from York County. Al-Quso was hit by a missile as he stepped out of his vehicle. The drone strike was carried out by the CIA.
May 7	News 8 Today @ 6	6:12:28A 22 seconds	Obesity Epidemic	A new study shows a connection between over-stressed or depressed mothers and over-fed babies. Dietitians discourage parents from adding cereal to a baby bottle because it can lead to excessive weight gain, but tired parents often think the extra calories will help their child sleep longer. The study found moms who showed signs of depression are 15 times more likely to over-feed their kids.
May 7	News 8 @ 5	5:05:59P 22 seconds	U.S. Armed Services	From Afghanistan, NATO reports three of its service members have died in a bomb blast. The attack took place in the eastern part of the country, but no further details were released, including whether the service members who died were Americans. So far this year, 142 Coalition Members have died in Afghanistan.
May 7	News 8 @ 6	6:04:31P 26 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Cumberland County, West Shore Regional Police have arrested a man who they say is responsible for at least four burglaries. Shakeem Jamison is charged with four counts of burglary, and one count of attempted burglary. Police say the crimes happened in Lemoyne and Wormleysburg at the end of March and the beginning of April. Police think Jamison may be involved with other burglaries on the West Shore.
May 7	News 8 @ 11	11:08:11P 30 seconds	Government/ Politics	There was a rally in the State Capitol Rotunda today, calling for the

				elimination of school property taxes. Bills in the House and Senate would eliminate school property taxes, in favor of raising the sales tax to 7%, taxing more items, and raising the personal income tax about 1%. But opponents say a higher sales tax would hurt low income families. Also under the plan, schools could still levy property taxes to pay off outstanding debt.
May 8	News 8 Today @ 6	6:05:20A 38 seconds	Education	The Central Dauphin School District has named a new Superintendent. The Board promoted Assistant Superintendent Carol Johnson. The District spent \$11,000 on a nationwide search for the position; that made some Lower Paxton Township residents criticize the spending at a time when the district is millions in debt. One resident commented, "It sends the wrong signal at the wrong time when we're facing an eight million dollar deficit. We're talking about laying off 84 teachers and shouldn't be wasting thousands of dollars on a search when you know who the person is the whole time." The Board offered Johnson a four-year contract. The salary has not yet been announced.
May 8	News 8 Today @ 6	6:10:58A 35 seconds	Youth/Teen	There are some alarming numbers are out on teens and marijuana use...  A new study shows that the number of teenagers using marijuana regularly has increased nearly 10%, and the number of cases where marijuana lead to heavier drugs has jumped more than 40%. Experts say the rise could be partly due to the perception that marijuana is "safe." Another major reason for the increase: a parent's lack of dealing with marijuana as a health issue.



May 8	News 8 @ Noon	12:07:43P 24 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	The former Principal at the Berks Christian School is facing sex assault charges after authorities say he had a physical relationship with a student. Franklin Love surrendered to police On May 7. Investigators say he had sexual contact with a 17 year old female student. They say another student spotted text message love sent the girl during class. He resigned shortly after the affair was discovered.
May 8	News 8 @ Noon	12:22:27P 22 seconds	Obesity Epidemic	Health Specialists are meeting in Washington to come up with a blueprint on how to reducing America's weight problem. Just about everything is on the table, from creating healthier kids' meals to nagging people to exercise. Just over a third of adults in America are obese. A government-funded study suggests by 2030, that number will rise to 42%.
May 8	News 8 @ 5:30	5:32:26P 49 seconds	Youth/Teen	<i>Triple A</i> has been looking into teenage driving danger and what it found is disturbing. One of the biggest dangers: driving with other teenagers. Compared to driving alone, a 16 or 17 year old driver's risk of death increases 44% if there is a passenger under 21 with no adult. That number doubles with two teenage passengers, and goes up again with three or more passengers under 21. <i>Triple A</i> finds adding just one adult is a great safety enhancement. The risk of a teenage driver dying in a crash with a passenger age 35 or older decreases by 62%! Also important, now is the most dangerous time for teenage drivers. An average of 422 teenagers die each month in traffic crashes during the summer, compared to 363 each month during other

				seasons.
May 8	News 8 @ 11	11:06:28P 40 seconds	National Security	The CIA revealed today that it broke up a terrorist bomb plot because it had a source inside Al Qaeda in Yemen, the bomber himself. It's the first-ever reported infiltration of Al Qaeda. The plot involved a new version of the so-called underwear bomb to attack U.S. air travel. U.S. Officials say the full body scanners now in use in many U.S. and overseas airports probably would have picked up the device. A Counter-Terrorism Specialist explained, "This is something we've been trying to do for a long time flash so these sources, these methods of how we're collecting intelligence are really the crown jewels in terms of disrupting these plots." Homeland Security Officials also told Congress today that no major changes need to be made to U.S. airport security.
May 8	News 8 @ 11	11:07:53P 35 seconds	Economy Shifts	If you are driving to Ocean City or anywhere else for vacation this summer, the government says gasoline will be cheaper than previously expected. The <i>Energy Department</i> says thanks to falling oil prices, you will probably pay an average of \$3.79 a gallon from now through September, not the \$4 that had been predicted.
May 9	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:40:07A 27 seconds	Government/ Politics	The fight to keep federal student loan interest rates from going up has stalled. Senate Republicans voted down a Democratic version of a Bill that would freeze rates for a year. Republicans say they do support keeping interest rates low, but they oppose how Democrats would pay for the measure, raising payroll taxes on high-earning stockholders of some privately owned

				corporations. Republicans want a vote on their own Bill that would pay for the rate freeze by abolishing part of the Health Care Law.
May 9	News 8 @ Noon	12:11:26P 24 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	A new poll finds support for the war in Afghanistan has plummeted. The <i>Associated Press GFK Poll</i> finds only 27% of Americans say they back the effort, while 66% oppose it. One year ago, 37% of Americans favored the war. The results also show about half of those who oppose the war say the continued presence of American troops in Afghanistan is doing more harm than good.
May 9	News 8 @ Noon	12:19:16P 22 seconds	Healthcare & Reform	The government is taking steps to help ensure children who get CT scans and other x-ray based tests don't get an adult-sized dose of radiation. The FDA is proposing guidelines that urge manufacturers to design new scanners to be safer for the youngest, smallest patients. Research has shown too much radiation from medical testing may increase the risk of cancer later in life.
May 9	News 8 @ 6	6:03:52P 20 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	In Cumberland County, the Camp Hill Borough Council voted down a plan to have a Farmers Market on the Fredrickson Library grounds. The majority of the 4-3 vote cited neighbors concerns about increased traffic if the once-a-week market was approved. More than a dozen farmers had hoped to sell their products there.
May 10	News 8 Today @ 5	5:01:29A 57 seconds	Government/ Politics	"I think same sex couples should be able to get married." President Barack Obama has become the first sitting American President to give his support to same-sex marriage. He previously

				<p>only backed civil unions for gay couples. It's an issue that could have an impact on the Presidential Election in the Fall. Political observers say the President's new position could be tricky for his re-election bid in states with laws against gay marriage. Alex Roarty of the <i>National Journal</i>, "The problem is those are also some of the biggest battlegrounds for the 2012 election. You know, NC and VA are kind of the linchpin to Obama's electoral strategy." Republican rival Mitt Romney quickly reaffirmed his position, saying marriage is between a man and a woman.</p>
May 10	News 8 Today @ 5	5:17:29A 49 seconds	Economy Shifts	<p>The financially-strapped Postal Service has backed off from a plan to close nearly 4,000 rural post offices around the country, including 10 in the Susquehanna Valley. Citing a customer outcry, the agency says it's keeping them open, but there will be changes. Service hours will be cut in about 13,000 locations, and others may be combined with larger facilities. In some instances, a new Village Post Office would be set up. <i>USPS</i> Chief Operating Officer Megan Brennan. "A Village Post Office is where we would partner with a local retail or community establishment such as a grocery store or a gas station, and they would sell postal products such as stamps and mailing services." The proposed changes would save about half a billion dollars a year. The plan still requires approval, but if it gets the green light, it would take about two years to implement.</p>
May 10	News 8 @ 5	5:26:54P 50 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>The FDA has new rules for sunscreen labels to help make it easier for people to select the right sunscreen. Starting in June, companies will have to tell you</p>

				<p>how long the protection lasts, how often you should re-apply the sunscreen, and claims that sunscreens are water or sweat-proof would be prohibited because the FDA says the terms are misleading. The sunscreens that protect against ultraviolet UVA and ultraviolet UVB rays can be labeled "broad spectrum." And, only "broad spectrum" products that have an SPF factor of 15 or more can state that they reduce the risk of skin cancer and premature aging of skin.</p>
May 10	News 8 @ 11	11:08:36P 25 seconds	Government/ Politics (Taxes)	<p>The state has released estimates of how much money residents will be saving on their fall school property taxes thanks to casino gambling. The money is divided among school districts by using a formula that favors lower-income, and high tax burden areas. Residents in each School District all get the same amount. York City School District residents are seeing the most savings at \$490, Lancaster City School District is next at \$422, Harrisburg City School District residents will see \$415 in savings on their next school property tax bill, and Lebanon School District residents will see \$402 in relief.</p>
May 11	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:45:02A 1 minute 3 seconds	Education	<p>High school students who are struggling academically have the <i>State Board of Education</i> rethinking graduation requirements. The Board voted to start the review process that would make passing the <i>Keystone Exam</i> a requirement to get a diploma. The Board is taking action after the state called test results from last year "concerning." Pennsylvania high schoolers were given three tests, each focusing on a different subject - literature, algebra, and biology. Here's how they fared: 50% of students performed at grade level on</p>

				<p>literature, 39% on biology, and barely over one third performed at grade level on the algebra portion. Tim Etters of the <i>PA State Board of Education</i>, "What the exams tell that state - and ultimately the parents, quite frankly - is whether or not the students are learning what they should be learning, whether or not they're ready to move on and go to college or enter the workforce." Mr. Etters says that while the statewide exam would cost Pennsylvania five million dollars, they have already budgeted that money, so there would be no tax increase. If this does pass, he says it would take effect beginning in 2017.</p>
May 11	News 8 Today @ 6	6:10:29A 35 seconds	Education	<p>York is considering cutting kindergarten to help fill its \$19 million budget deficit. It has some York parents starting to look for other places to send their children. Kindergarten registration takes place this week at Lincoln Charter School in York, and officials say they've seen increased interest in the wake of York school's budget problems. The York School Board has until the end of June to come up with a budget.</p>
May 11	News 8 @ Noon	12:19:45P 19 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>An FDA panel has endorsed the first drug shown to prevent HIV infection in healthy people. The endorsement clears the way for a potentially landmark approval in the 30 year old effort against the virus that causes aids. The FDA panel recommended approval of the daily pill "Truvada" for healthy people who are at high risk of contracting HIV, including gay and bisexual men and heterosexual couples with one HIV infected person. A final decision is expected by June 15.</p>

May 11	News 8 @ 6	6:06:03P 15 seconds	Education	The Central Dauphin School District is cutting about 80 jobs. According to the Teacher's Union Co-President, 70 teachers and at least 10 support staff have received notices. The cuts come after the teachers voted down a pay freeze for next year.
May 11	News 8 @ 11	11:02:34P 30 seconds	Government/ Politics	Governor Corbett has chosen a retired U.S. Air Force General and former State Adjutant General to be the new Receiver to oversee Harrisburg's financial recovery. Major General William Lynch says he has little knowledge of the issues surrounding the city's recovery process, but he says he's up for the challenge. "I'm taking it because I'm a sucker for a challenge, it's something that needs to be done something that can be done." General Lynch replaces David Unkovic, who suddenly quit the Receiver's position in March. Commonwealth Court must approve the nomination.
May 11	News 8 @ 11	11:08:31P 21 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	A new report on child abuse shows it's still a problem in Pennsylvania. A <i>Department of Public Welfare</i> study says there were 34 deaths last year, one more than in 2010. It also found more than 24,000 reports of suspected abuse in 2011, a decline of less than 1%. Authorities say one out of every one thousand Pennsylvania children was found to be an abuse victim last year.
May 12	News 8 Today Weekend	9:37:31A 25 seconds	Obesity Epidemic	A new study out of Germany suggests that your alarm clock isn't only waking you up in the morning, it's making you overweight. The study found that waking up at one time during the week and sleeping in on the weekends leads to irregular sleeping patterns, and that

				can be a factor in determining body weight. Researchers call it "social jet lag." They suggest maintaining a regular sleep schedule.
May 13	News 8 Today Weekend	6:04:18A 25 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	NATO and Afghan officials say two of the Coalition Service Members recently killed were gunned down by men disguised as Afghan police officers. This is the latest in a string of shootings in which Afghan Security Forces or militants dressed as policemen turn their weapons on their international military partners. The International Coalition says two other U.S. Service Members were killed on May 12 in Afghanistan.
May 13	Pennsylvania Newsmakers	7:30A 30 minutes	Government/ Politics & Healthcare & Reform	This week's <i>Pennsylvania Newsmakers</i> hosts a business roundtable with Fred Anton, CEO of the <i>Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association</i> , and Gene Barr, CEO of the <i>Pennsylvania Chamber of Business &amp; Industry</i> , who discuss the state budget and property tax reform proposals. Then, joining host Terry Madonna is Dr. Stuart Shapiro, CEO of the <i>Pennsylvania Health Care Association</i> , for a discussion of health care and Medicaid funding cuts.
May 13	News 8 @ 11	11:06:02P 28 seconds	Economy Shifts	After spending much of the year on the rise, gas prices are now falling and just in time for the summer months. The average price for a gallon of regular gas nationwide is \$3.73, according to <i>Triple A</i> . That's a drop of nearly \$.20 in the last month, and industry analysts expect the price to keep falling.
May 14	News 8 Today @ 6	6:03:35A 39 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	The <i>State Troopers Association</i> will meet with lawmakers to discuss the impact that closing the Lancaster Barracks



				would have on County residents. If plans go through, the Forensics Team and other detectives would be moved to Reading, leaving 30 to 40 officers to cover the area. <i>Pennsylvania State Troopers Association</i> President Joseph Kovel fears that could put public safety at risk. “The people of Lancaster County are going to suffer; the wait could be hours.”
May 14	News 8 @ Noon	12:07:26P 25 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	Today marks a major change for women who serve in the U.S. Army; they are now eligible for more than 14,000 combat-related roles. Female soldiers had been excluded from those jobs because the roles were either close to ground combat or directly involved in combat. Advocates say women already risk their lives serving on the front lines in patrols and in military police and security units.
May 14	News 8 @ 5	5:11:21P 31 seconds	(Un)employment	A half-million autistic children will reach adulthood in the next decade, and researchers say job opportunities for them will be limited unless there is action now. A study published today in the journal <i>Pediatrics</i> finds one in three young adults with autism, or 35% have no paid job experience, college, or technical schooling nearly seven years after high school graduation. The study is based on data from 2007 and 2008, before unemployment peaked from the recession.
May 14	News 8 @ 6	6:01:53P 19 seconds	(Un)employment	In Cumberland County, Lower Allen Township Commissioners gave their approval for a new repackaging plant that could create 400 new jobs. The company will repackage meat in a 162,000 square foot facility off Lisburn Road. The company will spend up to

				\$20 million dollars on the plant and could eventually employ 800 people.
May 14	News 8 @ 11	11:07:05P 27 seconds	Government/ Politics	There are more than 50,000 inmates in Pennsylvania's state prisons, and the cost of keeping them behind bars is up to nearly \$2 billion dollars a year. Several groups recently joined forces at the State Capitol to talk about reforming the state's third most costly Department. The cost-cutting moves they are advocating include expanding special Courts and identifying high and low-risk prisoners.
May 14	News 8 @ 11	11:16:15P 41 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Whether you get into a tanning bed or lie out in the sun, you know it's risky. But new information suggests most teenagers are ignoring the facts and putting themselves at risk for skin cancer. A just-released report from the <i>Centers For Disease Control</i> says half of all Americans between 18 and 29 were sunburned at least once in the past year. And among whites, the numbers jump to two out of three. The report also finds the risk of skin cancer jumps 75% for those using tanning beds before they turn 45. The CDC has simple recommendations: do not use tanning beds. And when you are outside, especially on a sunny day, use sunscreen with at least SPF 15 protection.
May 14	News 8 @ 11	11:18:56P 56 seconds	Obesity Epidemic	Thirty-five percent of adults and 17% of children in America are obese. The number of Pennsylvanians who are obese has gone up 10% in 15 years. So how do you lose the weight? The CDC has five steps to getting started. First, make a commitment to losing weight and list reasons for wanting to do so. Second, take stock of where you are. Talk to a doctor and identify risk

				<p>factors before you begin. Third, set realistic goals. Don't expect to change anything too quickly. Fourth, identify resources for information and support. Surround yourself with people who support your goals, and doctors who can give you the information to get it done. And finally, monitor your progress. Keep track of your goals and make sure you're on track.</p>
May 15	News 8 Today @ 5	5:02:41A 39 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>In Harrisburg, a violent weekend has the police chief considering later hours at police substations. Eight robberies were reported across the city, but Chief Pierre Ritter does have a concern. Ritter, "We are finding that when we adjust our time schedule criminals adjust their schedules." In one robbery over the weekend, police say the victim fought back. A man was punched several times by two would-be thieves when he refused to give up his wallet. He managed to break away and one of the robbers fired a shot at him. It missed. Police say you could put your safety even more at risk by resisting, so it's better to just do what the robber wants.</p>
May 15	News 8 Today @ 5	5:34:38A 36 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>In Lancaster County, there was a hearing in gap to discuss potential changes to state police coverage in the County. State police say budget cuts and attrition have reduced its Force by hundreds of troopers, so they need to shift things around. Under the proposed realignment, the Ephrata Barracks would close and Lancaster would no longer be headquarters. Instead, coverage would be based in Reading, a move Lancaster City's police Chief is against. Chief Keith Sadler, "They are vital to our operation. They come into the city, quite often, to help</p>

				with drug and violent offenders, community policing.” The primary concern is that relocation could delay response time.
May 15	News 8 @ Noon	12:12:46P 34 seconds	Healthcare & Reform	The Obama Administration is adopting a landmark national strategy to fight Alzheimer's Disease. The goal? To find effective treatments for the debilitating disease by 2025. Starting today, families dealing with Alzheimer's can go to <a href="http://www.alzheimers.gov">www.alzheimers.gov</a> for information about where to get help. Doctors will also have the opportunity to receive training on how to better care for people with Alzheimer's. More than 5-million Americans have Alzheimer's. That number could more than double by 2050 as the population ages.
May 15	News 8 @ 5	5:02:31P 51 seconds	Education	The Lancaster City School Board voted unanimously to tentatively approve a budget for the next school year. It's a spending plan that had to address a \$7.5 million dollar deficit. The budget proposes to raise taxes by 2.49% and to cut 20 full time staff positions, which includes eight teaching positions. Those changes alone are projected to save the district \$5.3 million dollars. School Board President Richard Caplan says there's still a long way to go before anything is final. “We have a lot of uncertainty between now and June 30, and we have to make the adjustments to the budget that reflect the changes over time.” The School Board's final vote is scheduled for June 28.
May 16	News 8 Today @ 6	6:03:44A 35 seconds	Government/ Politics & Education	Governor Corbett proposed cutting <i>Pre-K Counts</i> and the <i>Head Start</i> programs by 5% this year, but a group of police chiefs from across the state

				<p>met with state lawmakers on May 15 hoping to restore funding to early education, saying it cuts down on crime. Senator Pat Vance, "I know it's a trite saying, but you're either going to pay me now or pay me later, and that's the sort of way with these kids. We're either going to take care of them now, make sure they're learning, or unfortunately we're going to be dealing with the prison system later." The State Senate's version of the budget would restore the funding to last year's levels.</p>
May 16	News 8 @ Noon	12:04:28P 1 minute 18 seconds	(Un)employment	<p>The company that makes <i>Twinkies</i> and <i>Wonder Bread</i> may soon be closing facilities across the state, including one here in the Susquehanna Valley. <i>Hostess Brands</i> operates a facility in Mount Joy, Lancaster County, and it could be shut down as part of major layoffs by the company. <i>Hostess</i> recently sent "warn" notices to the <i>State Department of Labor and Industry</i>, which companies are required to do 60 days in advance of a mass layoff or closing. In all, 13 <i>Hostess</i> facilities across the state are in danger of closing, which would mean a loss of 550 jobs statewide. There are 12 employees at the Mount Joy facility, which is a distribution center. <i>Hostess Brands</i> filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection back in January, saying at the time it didn't plan to lay off any employees. In a recent statement, a company spokesperson said "Our goal is still to emerge from bankruptcy as a growing company with a strong future. We are simply fulfilling our requirements by sending these notices." Along with <i>Twinkies</i> and <i>Wonder Bread</i>, <i>Hostess</i> also makes the desert treats <i>Devil Dogs</i> and <i>Ding Dongs</i>. And, it's not just employees here in Pennsylvania that are concerned about their jobs... <i>Hostess</i> has</p>

				notified all of its 18,000 workers nationwide their jobs are at risk.
May 16	News 8 @ Noon	12:06:20P 18 seconds	Youth/Teen	A Solanco High School student in Lancaster County is charged with making terroristic threats as a result of a <i>Facebook</i> posting. State police say the 15 year old boy made a comment earlier this month on <i>Facebook</i> about getting a gun and doing harm to several unnamed students. The boy is being held at the <i>County Youth Intervention Center</i> .
May 16	News 8 @ 5	5:26:38P 1 minute 22 seconds	Education	School Districts across the nation will soon have new standards for teaching. Starting this fall, most states will follow "Common Core State Standards". It's a new national strategy to ensure that students are meeting international benchmarks in math, language arts, social studies and science. The <i>Common Core State Standards</i> initiative is a state-led effort that was developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, and education experts. The goal is to provide clear and consistent standards to prepare students for college and the workforce. Pennsylvania is among 45 states that adopted the plan. The standards will benefit students who change schools in the middle of the school year; it should make that transition to a new school a bit easier. The standards: are aligned with college and work expectations, are clear, understandable and consistent, build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards, and are evidence-based.
May 16	News 8 @ 5:30	5:35:30P 58 seconds	National Security	The <i>Department of Homeland Security</i> says the <i>Transportation Security Administration</i> is not adequately reporting, tracking and fixing airport security breaches.

				<p><i>Homeland Security</i> looked into airport screening after a series of security breaches at Newark International. One of the incidents included a passenger with a knife bypassing TSA screeners. Another breach included passengers that simply walked around security checkpoints. At a recent Congressional Hearing, the acting Inspector General of TSA, told lawmakers not all security breaches are reported because there's no clear definition of what's considered a breach. "The fact is a breach is a breach. If somebody gets through a checkpoint, a secure access checkpoint that is not supposed to and it's not reported to a supervisor, which ought to be reported up to TSA. I don't care what definition you use." A TSA administrator told the committee the Agency is working to correct the problems.</p>
May 17	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:34:30A 34 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>In Cumberland County, police are looking for the smash-and-grab thieves who robbed three cell phone stores in one night. Stores in Camp Hill, Carlisle, and in Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County, were hit. In each of the thefts, the suspects broke through the glass doors and stole demo phones from the lobbies. Police say there were at least four people involved, caught on surveillance video from Camp Hill and Carlisle. Police are also looking into whether the break-ins may be part of a larger ring from the Allentown area, where there have been five similar cell phone store break-ins since the first of the month.</p>
May 17	News 8 Today @ 5	5:01:34A 49 seconds	Education	<p>On May 16, there was an unexpected decision by the York City School Board to save several programs. The District has a \$19 million dollar budget gap, and</p>

				<p>arts, sports, and music programs were all on the chopping block. But after the Superintendent's Cabinet worked some more with the numbers, the Board announced some positions were saved; sports will continue with only head coaches, although girls soccer will be cut, and three of six music teachers will remain on staff. Superintendent Dr. Deborah Wortham, "You heard our students perform. They are entitled to the very best. We're halfway there, and we know the governor's office will allow us to go all the way." She's referring to the hope that Governor Corbett will reconsider cuts in his Education Budget. The District has until June 20 to make changes to its spending plan.</p>
May 17	News 8 @ Noon	12:02:37P 27 seconds	Education	<p>The Board of Trustees for <i>Harrisburg Area Community College</i> approved a budget that cuts staff positions, freezes salaries, and increases tuition by \$3 a credit. The President of HACC says the budget reflects an effort to keep tuition as affordable as possible while maintaining HACC's high educational standards. Governor Corbett's proposed budget cuts funding to community colleges by 3.8%.</p>
May 17	News 8 @ Noon	12:10:41P 28 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>The number of Americans suffering from asthma is at an all-time high. According to the <i>U.S. Centers for Disease Control &amp; Prevention</i>, there was a significant jump in asthma patients from 2001 to 2010. The Agency says one out of every 12 Americans lives with the chronic disease that has no known cure. Asthma causes repeated episodes of wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness and coughing. Patients and their doctors are encouraged to create and follow an action plan to respond to</p>



				and prevent flare-ups.
May 17	News 8 @ 5:30	5:36:43P 55 seconds	Government/ Politics (Taxes)	<p>U.S. Senators Bob Casey and Chuck Schumer want to tax those who give up their U.S. Citizenship. For example: <i>Facebook</i> co-founder Eduardo Saver renounced his U.S. Citizenship and moved to Singapore in 2009. That will save him multi-millions of dollars in taxes once <i>Facebook</i> goes public.</p> <p>Senator Casey says his tax bill is all about the money. “A lot of families are having trouble making ends meet, people have lost their jobs and we need to make sure that if a very wealthy individual renounces their citizenship to avoid paying taxes then they need to be held accountable.” Senator Casey says if the Bill becomes law, a wealthy person renouncing his or her citizenship would have to prove to the IRS they had a legitimate reason, not just taxes. If they cannot, the IRS would be able to tax that person's future investment gains, no matter where they live.</p>
May 17	News 8 @ 11	11:07:47P 25 seconds	Economy Shifts	<p>For the first time in U.S. history, minorities account for the majority of births in this country. According to the <i>Census Bureau</i>, Caucasian births accounted for 49.6% of births last year. Hispanics, Blacks, Asians, indigenous peoples and those of mixed ethnicity or race accounted for 50.4% of births. Whites still made up the largest single share of the total births and remain the majority of the overall population at 63.4%.</p>
May 17	News 8 @ 11	11:15:55P 29 seconds	Healthcare & Reform	<p>It's the world's second best selling medicine and it just became more affordable. Today, the FDA approved generic versions of the blood thinning</p>

				<p>drug, <i>Plavix</i>. Millions of people take the drug to reduce the risk of heart attack and stroke. Several pharmaceutical companies have received approval for both the 300 milligram and 75 milligram doses. The generic version of <i>Plavix</i> will have the same strength and must pass the same quality control standards.</p>
May 18	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:33:53A 23 seconds	(Un)employment	<p>Fewer people in Pennsylvania are signing up for unemployment benefits. The state's unemployment rate for April stands at 7.4%; that's down one-tenth of a point from March. Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was below the national rate of 8.1%. The state is seeing a drop in construction jobs, while service jobs are on the rise.</p>
May 18	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:47:05A 30 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>The <i>Centers For Disease Control And Prevention</i> has lowered the recommended limit for lead exposure in children under the age of six. That means as many as 200,000 additional children are considered to have unsafe levels of lead in their blood. The new standard is the result of a new strategy that focuses on lead prevention, rather than lead poisoning. Children most at risk for lead poisoning are those who live in homes built before 1978, homes with lead plumbing, and who own imported items that contain lead.</p>
May 18	News 8 Today @ 5	5:04:25A 26 seconds	Education	<p>Cuts are coming to <i>Harrisburg Area Community College</i>. The <i>Board of Trustees</i> approved a budget that cuts staff positions, although it's not clear yet which ones. Also in the budget, salaries will be frozen and there will be increases in tuition up to \$6 a credit for in-state students and \$9 for out-of-state and international students. The actions</p>

				are a result of less state funding and a decrease in enrollment.
May 18	News 8 @ 5	5:20:11P 51 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	The <i>Centers For Disease Control And Prevention</i> is recommending adults born between 1945 and 1965 get a blood test for Hepatitis C. Hepatitis C is an infection caused by a virus that attacks the liver. The CDC says one in 30 <i>Baby Boomers</i> is infected with Hepatitis C, and most don't know it because it can take years to cause damage. Many carriers are believed to have contracted the disease through blood transfusions in the 1970's and 80's, before there was effective screening for it. Tattooing and body piercing are also believed to be contributors. It can cause serious liver diseases, including liver cancer. If caught early, experts say newly available treatments can cure up to three-quarters of Hepatitis C infections.
May 18	News 8 @ 6	6:02:34P 40 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Cumberland County, a Mechanicsburg cemetery with graves dating back to the 1860's was vandalized. June Pardo noticed the Memorial flag holder missing from her ancestor's grave at the Chestnut Hill Cemetery. It was one of about 50 Memorials honoring Civil War and World War 2 Veterans stolen late Wednesday or early Thursday. Cemetery workers told police they saw two men in their 50's in a burgundy pick-up truck acting "suspicious."
May 19	News 8 Today Weekend	9:36:58A 18 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	A new British study shows restricting calories during pregnancy benefits both mother and baby. More than 40% of women gain more than the recommended amount of weight during pregnancy, increasing the chances of health complications. Less weight gain

				also prevented pre-eclampsia, diabetes and premature birth.
May 19	News 8 @ 11	11:01:42P 35 seconds	Education	<p>Continuing covering the Susquehanna Valley's school funding crisis...</p> <p>Thirty more York City School District teachers will be furloughed. A representative from the <i>York City Education Association</i> said teachers recently received an email from the District notifying them of the second round of furloughs. A union representative says the decision was made across the board, and teachers were furloughed based on seniority. The School District will meet next week with teachers, the Human Resources Department, and with union representatives to discuss latest round of layoffs.</p>
May 19	News 8 @ 11	11:04:33P 39 seconds	Government/ Politics	<p>The <i>G8 Summit</i> wrapped up today at Camp David, just across the border in Maryland. President Barack Obama says one of the big topics at the meeting was Europe's growing economic crisis. The President says something must be done and it is a top priority! "Put simply, if a company is forced to cut back in Paris or Madrid, that might mean less business for manufacturers in Pittsburgh or Milwaukee. And that might mean a tougher time for families and communities that depend on that business." President Obama and many of these same leaders will continue talks in Chicago at this coming week's <i>NATO Summit</i>, where the spotlight is on Afghanistan and ending the War.</p>
May 20	News 8 @ 6	6:09:58P 30 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>There is a new recommendation for current or former heavy smokers. The <i>American College of Chest Physicians</i>, the</p>

				<p><i>American Society of Clinical Oncology</i>, and the <i>National Comprehensive Cancer Network</i> say new lung cancer screening guidelines say people aged 55 to 74 should get annual C-T Scans. The guidelines are for adults with a history of smoking a pack of cigarettes daily for 30 years or two packs a day for 15 years. It's estimated that eight million Americans would be eligible for screening under the guidelines.</p>
May 20	News 8 @ 11	11:04:49P 31 seconds	Economy Shifts	<p>Good news for drivers...</p> <p>In the last week, the average price of regular gasoline has dropped two cents to \$3.71 per gallon; that is down 22 cents from the same time a year ago. The price peaked this year in April and has dropped 18 cents since then. Experts say falling crude oil prices could cause prices at the pump to drop another five-to-ten cents in the coming weeks.</p>
May 21	News 8 Today @ 6	6:13:17A 19 seconds	General Health/Wellness	<p>Even if you don't do fast food, going out to eat isn't very healthy. A new study shows 96% of the main entrees sold at top chain restaurants fail to meet federal recommendations for nutrition. The 18 month study looked at nearly 31,000 menu items. The <i>National Restaurant Association</i> says the industry is working to make changes.</p>
May 21	News 8 @ 5	5:25:23P 1 minute 26 seconds	General Health/Wellness	<p>Nearly one in four U.S. teens has diabetes, or soon will, unless they are able to get their blood sugar levels under control. That's the word today from <i>The Centers For Disease Control</i> after a study of over 3,000 teens, and more than half of all overweight and obese teenagers had at least one other cardiovascular risk factor, like high</p>

				<p>blood pressure or high cholesterol. Even so, the numbers are plateauing. Dr. Ashleigh May of <i>The Centers For Disease Control</i>, “We think that may why we're not seeing an increase in the prevalence of pre-hypertension and hypertension as well as high and borderline in children.” Experts say adolescence is the key time for parents and doctors to intervene by promoting healthier lifestyles, like exercise and healthy eating. Exercise doesn't have to mean heading to a gym. Experts say children and teens will see benefits from things like playing sports like basketball, swimming, tennis, and so on, or just going for a bicycle ride, swimming or even just taking walks.</p>
May 21	News 8 @ 5:30	5:32:19P 53 seconds	Government/ Politics (Taxes)	<p>Property taxes are a hot issue right now in Harrisburg. A group of State Representatives had a chance to ask questions about <i>House Bill 17-76</i>. The plan substitutes school property taxes with raising the sales tax to 7% and taxing more items; it also would raise the personal income tax about 1%. Representative Gordon Denlinger, “Everyone is for elimination, but this perception is out there they aren't going to pay anything; there's a disconnect from teacher salaries have to be paid busses have to run and the lights have to be on.” <i>PA Coalition of Taxpayer Associations</i> David Baldinger, “Yes, they're going to be paying other taxes, but what we're doing is spending the burden from 3.2 million homeowners to 12.7 million residents, plus visitors.” The plan only affects school property taxes. Homeowners would still have to pay county and municipal taxes.</p>
May 21	News 8 @ 5:30	5:34:54P 46 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p><i>Zithromax</i>, commonly known as "The Z-Pack", is one of the most prescribed</p>

				antibiotics on the market, but a new study from the <i>New England Journal of Medicine</i> suggests it could be dangerous, even deadly for some patients. <i>Zithromax</i> is used to treat anything from ear infections to strep throat, but researchers found that the risk of death from heart disease went up 3% in the week after taking the <i>Z-Pak</i> . That means people with a history of heart disease are especially at risk of complications. <i>Zithromax</i> generated nearly \$500 million dollars in sales last year.
May 21	News 8 @ 6	6:06:08P 20 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	State police have arrested a York County man who allegedly tried to sell pipe bombs. State police in Gettysburg say 19 year old Brady Candeloro tried to sell the bombs to an undercover Trooper in the Hanover area. Police found and disarmed three bombs. Police say Candeloro has no ties to any organized criminal group.
May 21	News 8 @ 11	11:06:50P 40 seconds	Conservation/ Environment	A mosquito in York County has tested positive for West Nile Virus. The <i>Department of Environmental Protection</i> says this is the earliest detection of the virus in York County in recent years; two cases have already been reported in Dauphin County. The mild winter has meant more mosquitoes, which could lead to more West Nile than in years past. The symptoms of West Nile include: fever, neck stiffness, vomiting or nausea, a rash on the skin, and swollen lymph glands. To prevent the spread of the West Nile Virus, experts recommend getting rid of standing water in your yard and repairing broken screens doors and windows.
May 22	News 8 Today	4:39:29A	Government/	The NATO Summit wrapped up in

	@ 4:30	35 seconds	Politics	Chicago with world leaders signing off on President Barack Obama's exit strategy from Afghanistan. It calls for an end to combat next year and the withdrawal of the U.S. led International Military Force by the end of 2014. Obama, "I don't think that there's ever going to be an optimal point where we say this is all done, this is perfect, this is just the way we wanted it, and now we can wrap up all our equipment and go home. There's a process and sometimes a messy process just like it was in Iraq." Meanwhile, the Chicago Police Department says 90 people were arrested before and during the Summit.
May 22	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:41:45A 60 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	The most common test a man can have to check for prostate cancer may no longer be recommended. Medical Advisors, brought together by the government, have recommended the P-S-A test not be offered to men of any age, and say radiation and surgery after a positive test can do more harm than good. P-S-A stands for <i>Prostate-Specific Antigen</i> . The protein is released by the prostate and can be elevated if there's cancer or other problems, including infection. Critics say most cancers found in a P-S-A test grow so slowly that most men never need treatment. But a Urologist in Camp Hill disagrees with these latest recommendations. Dr. Scott Owens, "Let's not have a statement from a non-cancer task force telling you stay away from your doctor. It has really put up a wall saying 'don't cross the line,' really not fair to patients - particularly those at high risk." Dr. Owens says he will still recommend a P-S-A test for all men beginning at age 50 and for those at high risk at age 40. African-American men and men with a family history of prostate cancer are considered high risk.



May 22	News 8 Today @ 5	5:04:47A 44 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Harrisburg police say a program geared towards getting illegal guns off the street has not resulted in any gun recoveries so far. The program offers a cash reward for people who report those using illegal guns in crimes. Some residents say it's hard to identify shooters because they don't live in the neighborhoods where the incidents happen, and other residents say the money isn't enough incentive. One resident commented, "People are scared with all the shootings going on around here, people are scared to step it up." Police say while they haven't gotten any guns, the reward program is working: people are calling in with tips. You can get up to \$200 for tips that lead to an illegal gun or an arrest. Callers can remain anonymous.
May 22	News 8 Today @ 5	5:34:07A 46 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	The <i>Lancaster Community Safety Coalition</i> is looking for help in funding security cameras. The <i>Coalition</i> operates 158 cameras that watch about 60% of the city. The City and the County District Attorney are contributing \$200,000, which covers about two-thirds of the operational cost. The <i>Coalition</i> is hoping to get the rest from the citizens it helps protect, so it's running a "Safe Streets" fundraiser. And after hearing what police think of the program, Wes Farmer believes residents and businesses will give plenty of cash for the cameras. Wes Farmer of the <i>Lancaster Community Safety Coalition</i> , "They tell us they cannot imagine functioning in Lancaster City without the benefit of the cameras because we enhance their ability to do a good job." Mayor Rick Gray says the cameras' ability to solve crimes has outweighed any privacy concerns.

May 22	News 8 @ Noon	12:05:51P 31 seconds	Education	The Harrisburg School District has some tough financial decisions to make. The District is facing a \$13 million dollar budget deficit. To close the gap, school officials are considering cutting kindergarten, laying off 20 or more teachers and as many support staff, plus cutting music, art, and sports programs. A final budget is due next month. Parents are holding an <i>Education Funding Rally</i> from 10am to noon on May 23 on the steps of the State Capitol.
May 22	News 8 @ 6	6:08:21P 40 seconds	Education	Hundreds of people from Cyber and Charter Schools went to the Forum Auditorium in Harrisburg today to rally for change. They called for <i>Charter School Reform Legislation</i> . For example, right now, to set up a Charter School in a District, that District must approve the Charter School. Advocates want to change that. Larry Jones, President of the <i>PA Coalition of Public Charter Schools</i> , "I don't know if the reason is money or what the philosophy is behind it, but can 100% say, but Districts have voted down choice option simply because they don't want to." The rally was also to push for more state education funding.
May 22	News 8 @ 11	11:09:49P 39 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Injuries from accidents are now the third leading cause of death in the United States. From car accidents to sports injuries and falls in the home, many of these fatal accidents are preventable. In addition, a new study says Pennsylvania isn't doing enough to prevent residents from hurting themselves. The <i>Trust For America's Health</i> ranks all 50 states based on the amount of injury prevention laws on

				the books; Pennsylvania ranked 30 <sup>th</sup> . The report suggests that Pennsylvania should strengthen helmet laws and toughen drunk driving laws. It also calls on states to do more to protect youth from concussions and bullying, and falls among older adults as the baby boomer generation ages.
May 23	News 8 Today @ 6	6:01:45A 44 seconds	Education	There's growing opposition over a state takeover plan for financially-strapped schools like Harrisburg and York. The plan would allow the state to appoint a Recovery Officer, and implement a plan that could force teachers to renegotiate contracts. Opponents say the Governor created the problem himself by cutting education funding by one billion dollars since he took office. PSEA President Michael Crossey, "The solution is to fund these schools adequately and equitably so the students can learn the same as everyone else." Senator Jeffrey Piccola, "Its' impossible for the Commonwealth or local taxpayers to come up with enough dollars to continue to fund districts at the high levels they've seen in recent years." Lawmakers hope to fast track the Bill and have it signed for next school year.
May 23	News 8 @ Noon	12:07:39P 33 seconds	Conservation/ Environment	Farmland Preservation groups are joining together to fight for funding. The Governor's budget proposal zeroes out funding for farmland conservation. Now eight different local and state-wide groups are joining together to get the money reinstated. Jeff Swinehart of the <i>Lancaster Farmland Trust</i> , "We're hopeful that the dedicated source of funding will remain, still be allocated for farmland preservation, and that the program will continue to be successful, interest among farmer will continue to

				be strong.” <i>Lancaster County's Farmland Preservation</i> is the most successful in the state; it has preserved nearly 100,000 acres of farmland.
May 23	News 8 @ 6	6:08:05P 40 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Lancaster County, police are investigating three armed robberies this month at the Outlets. They say two stores at <i>Rockvale</i> and one at <i>Tanger</i> were held up. Investigators say it appears they may have all been done by the same man. Workers told police a man showed a gun and demanded money. The robbery at <i>Totes, Isotoner</i> , and <i>Sunglass World</i> happened on Mother's Day. Police say two other robberies from earlier this year, one at <i>Rockvale</i> and one at <i>Tanger</i> , may also be connected.
May 23	News 8 @ 11	11:08:59P 26 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	A new <i>University of Wisconsin</i> study shows that people who suffer from severe sleep apnea are five times more likely to die from cancer. The possibility gets even more likely if you're obese. While no science links sleep apnea to actually causing cancer, the evidence is strong to suggest that decreased oxygen to the brain, an effect of sleep apnea, increases tumor growth. Sufferers are also at a greater risk for diabetes, heart attack, and stroke.
May 24	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:31:24A 36 seconds	Education	At the State Capitol, hundreds of students and administrators from the Harrisburg School District sent a message to lawmakers – stop cutting funding for education. Over the past two years, the Harrisburg School District has laid off hundreds of teachers and closed schools, as the state funding situation has gotten worse. Harrisburg School Board Member Lola Lawson, “We need people understand,

				the day to day residents of the city, not people who just need a political career and a paycheck.” The District is in debt by \$13 million dollars and is considering cutting programs like music and sports to close the gap.
May 24	News 8 Today @ 5	5:31:14A 57 seconds	Healthcare & Reform	There's a new effort underway at the State Capitol to take funding away from women's health organizations that provide abortions. The <i>Women's Health Funding Priorities Act</i> was unveiled by Republican Lawmaker Daryl Metcalfe of Butler County. He says the budget isn't decreased for women's health, just redirects it to health care centers that don't provide abortion services. <i>Planned Parenthood</i> , which would be defunded under the proposal, is voicing its outrage. Harrisburg Director Sari Stevens says there are no state taxpayer dollars funding abortions and the change would hurt women. “It’s funding to prevent unintended pregnancies, to prevent cancers, to support women detecting cervical cancer. In 2011 we did 40,000 cervical cancer screenings, 44,000 breast cancer screenings, and detected 5,000 abnormal pap smears that the lead up to cancer and these are the services that would be affected.” Metcalfe believes any money directed away from <i>Planned Parenthood</i> would be one less dollar that makes it way to abortion services.
May 24	News 8 @ 5:30	5:32:53P 20 seconds	(Un)employment	Fewer Americans filed for first time unemployment benefits last week. The <i>Labor Department</i> says applications fell by 2,000 to 370,000. Applications have leveled off this month after spiking in April. Most economists say when applications are consistently below 375,000, it suggests job growth is strong enough to lower the

				unemployment rate.
May 24	News 8 @ 5:30	5:33:13P 1 minute 35 seconds	(Un)employment & U.S. Armed Forces	<p>Unemployment is much higher for the nation's youngest Veterans, and members of Congress are taking a look at what can be done to help them.</p> <p>Looking at unemployment for our youngest Veterans, 18 to 24 years old, paints a disturbing picture. The just-released numbers show those Veterans face an unemployment rate of more than 30%! That's nearly double the unemployment rate facing non-Veterans the same age. The causes for that high number: fewer jobs in this economy and Veterans have the additional challenge of translating military training and experience into relevant civilian work experience. Plus, Veterans can face discrimination by employers. So Pennsylvania's U.S. Senator Bob Casey has introduced a Bill that would punish employers who discriminate against Veterans. Casey, "Making it very clear that we're not going to tolerate this kind of discrimination and two, increasing the penalties for either willful or malicious intent when an employer makes this decision." Senator Casey's Bill would allow Veterans to sue employers for monetary damages. It's not law yet, but there is other help available for unemployed Veterans. Young Veterans without a college degree have increased access to job training and education through benefits provided in the new <i>GI Bill</i>. The <i>Vow To Hire Heroes Act</i> requires the <i>Departments of Labor and Veteran Affairs</i> to provide services including resume building and help translating their military skills into civilian work experience.</p>

May 24	News 8 @ 6	6:06:34P 44 seconds	Government/ Politics	In January, Governor Tom Corbett announced a budget freeze to save the state money. Now more than four months later, he is asking agencies to pay up. <i>Cumberland County Children &amp; Youth Services</i> has been notified it has to return \$85,000 to the state; that money will come out of <i>Early-Intervention Programs</i> designed to put youngsters on the right path. Case Worker Jamie VanMeter, "I have a lot of kids that we try to get into drug and alcohol inpatient treatment and they can't accept them, or they'll accept them for a very short period of time, like 30 days for heroin addiction, which that's not enough time to be successful." Under the freeze, all county children and youth agencies lost 1% of their budgets.
May 24	News 8 @ 11	11:04:10P 24 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	In York County, a major bridge replacement project is expected to cause heavy traffic congestion in the Spring Grove area beginning next Tuesday. The Route 116 Bridge that's next to the Glatfelter Paper Mill is being rebuilt and won't reopen until next spring. Spring Grove School officials say the bridge shut down will affect bus schedules next year.
May 25	News 8 Today @ 5	5:24:37A 54 seconds	Obesity Epidemic	Obesity a problem in Lancaster County, just like it is across Pennsylvania. The issue was discussed at a Health Summit that brought together several hundred health care professionals and government and business leaders.  Sixty-four percent of adults and 23% of children in Lancaster County are overweight or obese. Several speakers at the Summit talked about initiatives that are working in other parts of the country to reduce obesity numbers.

				They include simple ideas like encouraging people to take the stairs and making them more accessible, to providing cold drinking water from water jets in school cafeterias. There was some good news; data released at the Summit indicates the percentage of people developing heart disease is slowing and the number of people who smoke has dropped.
May 25	News 8 @ 11	11:06:27P 21 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Cumberland County, police in Lemoyne are investigating a daytime burglary at a home on Walnut Street. Police think a pair of burglars, possibly a man and a woman, entered the home and stole electronics and jewelry. A witness says they were acting suspicious, then drove off in a white, four-door vehicle with a small child in the backseat.
May 25	News 8 @ 11	11:16:07P 18 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Researchers at Oregon State University say eating curry will keep your immune system healthy. Curry can be found in the cooking spice turmeric. They say eating it will not only boost, but triple levels of protein in your immune system, which will allow your body to better fight bacteria and infection.
May 26	News 8 Today Weekend	9:04:40A 40 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Northern York Regional Police have arrested two men for a series of thefts spanning several months. They say 19 year old Corey Goucher and his brother-in-law Justin Bupp of Dover Township took more than \$14,000 worth of scrap metal. Police say the two stole from <i>Panagraphic Inc.</i> on Raycom Road, between January and March. Police tracked the suspects down by identifying the car they used to commit the thefts. Police say Bupp and Goucher sold the metal to local



				scrap metal companies.
May 27	News 8 Today Weekend	9:05:49A 19 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Lancaster County, State Police are investigating a series of car thefts in Paradise Township. Four cars were broken into sometime on May 26. Police say 3 GPS Units, an iPod, and cash were taken. All of the cars were unlocked at the time.
May 28	News 8 Today @ 6	6:54:05A 20 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	The country's newest Veterans are filing for disability benefits at a historic rate. Officials say that 45% of the 1.6 million Veterans of the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have filed injury claims. After the Gulf War of the early 90s, 21% of Vets filed claims. The government says the Veterans are claiming an average of eight-to-nine ailments. The injuries include back problems, hearing loss and post-traumatic stress.
May 28	News 8 @ 5:30	5:34:17P 27 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	Airlines have been raising a lot of fees lately to make money. The fees aren't taxed, so all of the money goes directly to the airlines. Now, New York Senator Charles Schumer is taking issue with airlines that charge extra when travelers want to sit together. Schumer is asking the Transportation Secretary to issue new rules preventing airlines from charging parents more to sit next to their own children. He is also asking the industry's trade group to persuade carriers to voluntarily waive the fee for families. The Senator says airline fees shouldn't serve as a barrier between mother and child.
May 28	News 8 @ 11	11:10:35P 30 seconds	Education	While college classes are winding down across the country, new research shows that students may not be hitting the

				books as often as they should. The <i>National Survey of Student Engagement</i> reveals college students are actually studying less than they did fifty years ago. Back then, the average study time was 24 hours a week; that's dropped to about 15 hours. Students interviewed maintain their studying habits have just gotten more efficient, saying computers and other technology cuts back on time that would normally be spent researching in the library.
May 29	News 8 Today @ 5	5:10:54A 15 seconds	National Security	Officials in Denmark say they've foiled a terror plot planned by two brothers. The two men have been arrested after taking part in terror training activities in Somalia. The brothers, ages 18 and 23, were in court today and charged with suspicion of planning an attack.
May 29	News 8 Today @ 6	6:11:21A 20 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	A new study shows taking some popular pain killers may lower the risk of skin cancer. Scientists studied 20,000 skin care patients and found those who filled at least two prescriptions for “n-saids” like aspirin and ibuprofen were less likely to develop carcinoma and melanoma. Past studies also show “n-saids” can lower the risk for other cancers.
May 29	News 8 @ Noon	12:03:40P 33 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Smokers are being asked not to light up in Lancaster City parks. City workers are installing <i>Tobacco Free Zone</i> signs in parks throughout the city, like the Sixth Ward Park at Hamilton and Ross Streets. The city passed a resolution designating the parks as <i>Tobacco Free Zones</i> to hopefully prevent children from being exposed to second hand smoke and the risky behavior. Tiffany Good, who was at the park with her two children, likes the idea. “I think

				it's awesome. We see a lot of cigarette butts in the mulch as we're playing, so it will be a great thing to not have those to tell the kids not eat and we don't have to breathe in the smoke." Tobacco settlement money paid for the signs. Five other municipalities in Lancaster County passed similar resolutions.
May 29	News 8 @ Noon	12:11:22P 19 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	In Afghanistan, NATO says its Forces have killed Al-Qaida's second-highest ranking leader in an airstrike. The U.S. led coalition says the attack that killed Sakhr Al-Taifi and another militant happened Sunday. NATO says Al-Taifi was responsible for commanding foreign insurgents in Afghanistan and directing attacks against coalition and Afghan Forces.
May 29	News 8 @ Noon	12:21:35P 22 seconds	Obesity Epidemic	Kidney stones are now more common among Americans than heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. Researchers at UCLA say one in eleven Americans now develops kidney stones; that's a 63% increase since 1994. Experts say obesity, along with diabetes and gout, are risk factors for the condition. That's because people who are obese tend to have more salt and animal fat in their diet, which can trigger the formation of kidney stones.
May 29	News 8 @ 5:30	5:32:25P 15 seconds	Economy Shifts	Home prices have hit a new 10-year low; that's according to a today's report from the <i>S&amp;P Case-Shiller Home Price Index</i> . One bright spot, prices were up in March from February for the first time in seven months.
May 29	News 8 @ 6	6:08:30P 24 seconds	Economy Shifts	Americans' confidence in the economy plunged in May to its lowest level in eight months. That's according to <i>The</i>

				<p><i>Conference Board</i>, a private research group. May's reading of 64.9 is significantly lower than the 90 reading that indicates a healthy economy. To get the numbers each month, the <i>Conference Board</i> surveys 5,000 households asking five questions about current business conditions, family income, and what they expect to happen economy wise in the next six months.</p>
May 30	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:34:23A 48 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>A recent report by the <i>Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare</i> reveals more than 600 people have been collecting welfare benefits from the state, even though they don't live here. The report looked at recipients who were using their electronic benefits transfer cards, or EBT's, only in other states. It's not clear for how long or how much was lost. Auditor General Jack Wagner has been critical of the Department's oversight of the EBT Program in the past and says more needs to be done. "The whole intent of these programs is to help those in need and there should not be any tolerance for abuse." The Department's spokeswoman says she believes the out-of-state recipients were probably residents when they got their EBT cards, but moved away and didn't tell anyone. She says most of the 750,000 people using the cards in Pennsylvania are in compliance.</p>
May 30	News 8 @ 5	5:05:54P 30 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>Police have busted a major drug ring operating in Lancaster and Berks Counties. Investigators say wire tapped cell phones lead them to arrest nine people accused of dealing large quantities of cocaine, methamphetamine and heroin. The Berks County District Attorney says hundreds of thousands of dollars in</p>

				drugs, guns, cars, and money was seized. According to police, the ring also dealt drugs into Lehigh County and upstate New York. Yamil Ruiz and Jorge Ruiz of Reading are being called the ring leaders; three Lancaster residents also face charges.
May 30	News 8 @ 5:30	5:35:20P 19 seconds	Economy Shifts	A new problem has emerged with student loans... More young people are drowning in debt without a degree to show for it because they dropped out. A research group looked at government data and found nearly 30% of college students who took out loans dropped out of school; that's up from less than 1/4 of students a decade ago.
May 31	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:31:24A 51 seconds	Education	The Harrisburg School District School Board has agreed to cut kindergarten, music, art, and athletics, as well as 63 teacher positions, to close a \$13 million dollar budget gap. They also voted to raise taxes to the highest rate allowed by law. But even with those changes, the Board says it still needs to cut another \$7.5 million dollars. Some Board Members say they voted for the plan reluctantly and that the School Administration should have done more. Harrisburg School Board Member Rhonda Mays, "These are painful, terribly painful sacrifices that the Administration is asking the community to buy into, yet the Administration has not felt the same pain and sacrifice they demand from the rest of us." The Board has five days to make the additional cuts. The budget has to go the <i>State Board of Education</i> for approval next week. It needs to be formally approved by the School Board by the end of next month.

May 31	News 8 Today @ 6	6:10:58A 38 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Thousands of children die each year from sudden cardiac arrest, but Governor Corbett signed a Bill Wednesday, May 30 making Pennsylvania the first state in the country with a law protecting student-athletes from cardiac arrest. He signed it at the Blessed Virgin Mary Elementary School in Norristown in front of parents who have lost children to the condition. Corbett, "This Bill provides guidelines to inform students, to inform parents, to inform coaches about the warning signs of cardiac arrest." Coaches, teachers and athletes are now required to know the warning signs of cardiac arrest. Seven thousand young people die nationwide from heart attacks every year.
May 31	News 8 @ Noon	12:05:09P 26 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	More than two dozen bus companies in Pennsylvania and five other states have been shut down for safety violations following a yearlong investigation. The <i>Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration</i> says it sent teams of officials armed with legal orders that declare the bus operations imminent hazards to public safety. Federal officials say the bus operators transported more than 1,800 passengers a day along Interstate 95 between New York and Florida.
May 31	News 8 @ Noon	12:17:20P 23 seconds	(Un)employment	It's the latest sign of a sluggish job market. The <i>Labor Department</i> says the number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits rose last week to a five-week high of 383,000. Applications had leveled off at about 370,000 for four weeks; that decline suggested hiring could pick up in May. When applications fall below 375,000, it typically means hiring is strong enough to reduce the unemployment rate.

May 31	News 8 @ 5:30	5:34:11P 48 seconds	Economy Shifts	<i>Freddie Mac</i> reports the average rates on 30-year and 15-year fixed mortgages have again reached record lows! The 15-year loan is now below 3% for the first time ever, now standing at 2.97%. The 30-year mortgage rate is now at 3.75%, which brings us to your money and a question for many people – ‘Should I refinance my home loan or not?’ You need to take more than just a lower interest rate into account. There are costs to refinancing, and if the costs of bank fees and appraisals outweigh the potential savings, you may want to think twice. Also if you don't plan to live in your home for much longer, refinancing may not be a good move because you won't be there long enough to pay-off refinancing costs.
May 31	News 8 @ 11	11:04:24P 23 seconds	Government/ Politics	Some Harrisburg City Council Members are starting a petition urging Governor Corbett not to extend a law that prohibits cities the size of Harrisburg from filing for bankruptcy. It's set to expire June 30. Councilman Brad Koplinski plans to circulate the petitions in Harrisburg. Mayor Linda Thompson also opposes extending the law, even though she has said bankruptcy is not the best course of action.
June 1	News 8 Today @ 5	5:16:10A 19 seconds	Healthcare & Reform	The House has voted to increase health care spending for Veterans. Roughly half of the \$148 billion dollar measure is for Veterans' pensions and disability payments. According to the <i>Associated Press</i> , nearly half of the \$1.6 million Veterans from the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are now seeking compensation for injuries they say are service-related.

June 1	News 8 Today @ 6	6:01:25A 35 seconds	Conservation/ Environment	A life line for one of Lancaster County's most popular lakes... <i>Speedwell Forge Lake</i> was drained after last fall's flooding broke the dam and there was no money to fix it. But now, FEMA is pledging nearly one million dollars to help pay for repairs. It will take another \$6.5 million dollars to rebuild the dam. The <i>State Fish &amp; Boat Commission</i> says this whole thing could take seven to ten years.
June 1	News 8 Today @ 6	6:10:59A 24 seconds	(Un)employment	Hundreds of jobs coming to the Susquehanna Valley. <i>Novitas Solutions</i> , formerly known as <i>Highmark Medicare Services</i> , is looking for workers for its Camp Hill, Cumberland County location. The jobs are processing <i>Medicare</i> forms and come with benefits. <i>Novitas</i> is looking to fill the positions quickly.
June 1	News 8 @ 5:30	5:36:31P 47 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	It's predicted that by 2030, cancer cases worldwide will increase 75%. Cancers that typically affect affluent countries, like breast and prostate, are expected to increase the most. And at least one-fifth of the new cancer cases will likely be due to preventable factors. You can fight those cancers by eating healthy, exercising, and not smoking. There is also expected to be a decrease in infection-related cancers like cervical cancer. Experts say a majority of the increase in cases is expected in low-income countries, and because cancer is such an expensive disease to treat, experts say poor countries need to focus on prevention
June 2	News 8 Today Weekend	8:05:02A 48 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Police in Lancaster County say they have a bank robber in custody; he is 34



	Earlier Newscast Due To NBC Sports			<p>year old Ryan Shomo. Three banks were hit in three days I three Townships. Police say Shomo confessed to robbing this <i>PNC Bank</i> in Lancaster Township, and someone matching his description robbed the <i>Union Community Bank</i> in East Hempfield Township days later. But police think the third heist in West Hempfield Township may be the work of a copy-cat. Hempfield Police Chief Mark Pugliese, "Whether it's the same group of individuals doing it, or it's a copy cat where someone who feels that they're desperate needs or criminal element, you know that person got away with, it so I'm going to try it too." Court papers show Shomo got \$160 from the <i>PNC Bank</i> in Lancaster Township. He allegedly handed the teller a note written on a piece of toilet paper, which said, "Three seconds, give me the money, unbanded."</p>
June 2	News 8 @ 6	6:07:14P 40 seconds	Obesity Epidemic	<p>The issue of obesity has been in the news a lot recently and now the Capitol City is taking a stand when it comes to children and their health. The first annual <i>Iron-Kid Challenge</i> took place today. Children participated in several sports including soccer, basketball, and Zumba. The program was organized by the <i>Department Of Parks, Recreation And Enrichment</i> to get kids outside and active. A study by the <i>PA Department of Health</i> showed almost 39% of kids in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are overweight or obese.</p>
June 2	News 8 @ 11 Later Newscast Due To NBC Sports	11:36:25P 21 seconds	Economy Shifts	<p>As summer travel begins, gas prices are continuing to decline. Going down another five cents over the past week to a national average of \$3.61 per gallon. Gas prices have actually fallen about \$.20 in the past month, \$.30 lower</p>

				since April, the largest drop since last November.
June 3	News 8 @ 11	11:09:44P 24 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Scientists have developed several new ways to battle cancer; the approaches were presented at a weekend conference in Chicago. They include so-called "Smart" drugs that deliver powerful poisons directly to cancer cells, while avoiding healthy cells. One of the drugs is expected to help about a quarter of the 230,000 women diagnosed with breast cancer each year in the U.S.
June 4	News 8 Today @ 5	5:03:52A 19 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In York County, a registered sex offender is behind bars, after police say he didn't notify them he had moved. Shaton Orr was arrested after police discovered he used a false home address and was living in a different location. Police say Orr had previously pled guilty to charges of child sexual abuse and corruption of minors last year.
June 4	News 8 Today @ 6	6:10:45A 18 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	A drug has been shown to help extend lives of men with advanced prostate cancer. Researchers found the drug slowed cancer that had already spread and delayed the deterioration of the patient's overall condition. Doctors say the drug's success was so meaningful, that they stopped midway through the study to get all patients on it.
June 4	News 8 @ Noon	12:15:57P 28 seconds	Economy Shifts	It may soon cost you more to get your clothes dry cleaned, thanks to metal hangers. The hangers are already a big expense for dry cleaning businesses, but now, the price is expected to go up, since the U.S. imposed new trade penalties on Vietnam, where most of the hangers dry cleaners use come

				from. The <i>Commerce Department</i> says the Vietnamese government has unfairly subsidized wire hanger exports. The U.S. imports more wire hangers from Vietnam than from any other country; \$31 million dollars worth last year alone.
June 4	News 8 @ 5:30	5:42:00P 26 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	Drivers caught talking or texting on their cell phones in New Jersey may soon face increased fines and license suspensions. A measure approved today by the New Jersey House would increase fines for violators from \$100 to \$200 for the first offense. The second offense, a \$400 fine, and third violation would cost you \$600. The Bill is headed to the New Jersey Senate. Here in Pennsylvania, drivers can be fined \$50 for texting while driving.
June 4	News 8 @ 11	11:09:51P 21 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	The high cost of gas is a burden for a lot of people, but one industry is benefiting by it. Public transportation has seen a 5% rise in recent months. The <i>American Public Transportation Association</i> says ridership had stalled in the years following the terrorist attacks of 2001, but it's risen dramatically since the cost of gas has increased. More than 125 million people have used public transportation since January of this year.
June 5	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:16:12A 41 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Gun violence continues in Harrisburg. Three men have been shot in separate incidents since Saturday. The latest was a 25 year old man who says he was shot in the leg during a carjacking just after 11 Sunday night, June 3 at North 16 <sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets. Harrisburg's Police Chief says his officers have been busy. "They are very active. The street crimes unit has taken numerous guns

				<p>off the street. They take a lot of drugs off the street, but as we take them away they are replaced by other individuals.” In the latest shooting, police say the victim knew one of the carjackers, but so far, no arrests have been made.</p>
June 5	News 8 Today @ 6	6:10:44A 25 seconds	Government/ Politics	<p>In Washington, the U.S. Senate is taking up gender discrimination. The <i>Paycheck Fairness Act</i> probably will not make it through a Senate vote, but DC insiders say it's about making a political point. Studies show on average women make just 77% of each dollar earned by men, for the same kind of work; the proposed law hopes to make the pay gap go away, but many Republicans claim it's just an election year stunt.</p>
June 5	News 8 @ Noon	12:20:24P 20 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>Most of the nation's schools are saying no to "pink slime". The <i>U.S. Department of Agriculture</i> says the majority of states participating in its national school lunch program have opted to order ground beef that doesn't contain the product known as lean finely textured beef. Only three states, Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota, chose to order beef that may contain filler.</p>
June 5	News 8 @ 5	5:06:28P 58 seconds	Government/ Politics	<p>As high profile incidents involving synthetic drugs continue to make news across the country, Congress is considering a national ban on the substances. Pennsylvania is one of 38 states that have banned all synthetic drugs, but serious incidents continue, partly because the physical makeup of the drugs continues to change. Once one version is made illegal, another takes its place. Pennsylvania Senator Bob Casey, a supporter of a federal ban, believes a national ban is needed.</p>

				Casey, "This effort, as part of a larger <i>Food And Drug Administration Bill</i> , would put on the list of controlled substances another 27 individual substances, so obviously you've got to try to keep up with changes in technology or chemistry or other advancements."
June 5	News 8 @ 6	6:09:11P 35 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	The Martin Library in York is putting new security measures into effect following two burglaries in a week. Police say on Sunday, June 3, thieves took four "E-Readers", two lap tops, and more than 120 video games. They think the burglars entered the building through a door on Queen Street, but say there are no signs of forced entry. The library estimates the loss at \$6,000. Police are questioning a suspect.
June 6	News 8 Today @ 5	5:17:48A 35 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	There's encouraging news in the fight against breast cancer. A new study suggests a simple blood test may be able to predict a patient's risk for recurrence and death from the disease. Researchers at <i>MD Anderson Cancer Center</i> looked for the presence of circulating tumor cells in the bloodstream. Dr. Anthony Lucci of the <i>MD Anderson Cancer Center</i> , "If the patients had cells in the blood, they had at least four times the chance of having a recurrence or death, and for patients who had a lot of cells, let's say three or more, the chance of dying was around 11 times higher." More studies are in the works. Researchers hope to have some answers within the next five years.
June 6	News 8 @ Noon	12:03:50P 16 seconds	Education	The Reading School District is laying off 110 teachers and eliminating 60 other teaching jobs through attrition because of a budget deficit. The

				District is facing a \$40 million dollar shortfall for the coming year. The layoffs are effective at the end of the week.
June 6	Dr. Oz	4:00P 60 minutes	General Health/ Wellness	Knowing your health risks can prevent heart disease, diabetes and even cancer. On this episode, <i>Dr. Oz</i> gives viewers the three tests everyone needs to save their life. And, the next time you feel your energy fading, skip the caffeine and sugar and head to the drugstore instead. <i>Dr. Oz</i> has the list of the best and most surprising cures to boost energy.
June 6	News 8 @ 11	11:05:49P 33 seconds	Education	Harrisburg's School Board today voted to submit a budget to the <i>State Department of Education</i> , with a \$6.6 million dollar deficit. Facing a state deadline, the Board first voted down, then rescinded its vote and approved a budget that includes a 2.5% tax hike, and cutting at least 60 teachers, two Assistant Principals, and one Superintendent. Kindergarten, athletics, band and other clubs are also on the chopping block, but it's hoped state funding may come through to save some of them.
June 7	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:46:27A 45 seconds	Government/ Politics	A controversial wiretapping Bill making the rounds through the State House has some calling it unconstitutional. House Bill 2400 makes about a dozen changes to the state's wiretap law, last changed in the 1990s. State prosecutors say changes to an existing wiretap law, would make it easier to intercept phone calls and texts made by criminals. Dauphin County D.A. Francis Chardo, "It's an important step. It gets us back to where we should be. It's just modernizing criminal law to get us back

				to where technology is.” Criminal Defense Attorney Barb Zemlock, “There have been law enforcements job more difficult. The legislation being proposed however goes well beyond what is needed to allay law enforcement's concerns.” The ACLU of Pennsylvania is also opposed to the Bill.
June 7	News 8 Today @ 5	5:04:51A 31 seconds	Education	A York Charter School is fighting with the City School District to keep its doors open next year. Funding for <i>New Hope Charter School</i> depends on the York City School District approving its Charter, which the city is threatening to deny. Spokesperson Isiah Anderson from <i>New Hope Charter School</i> , “It would leave a tremendous hole in the community. It would leave a tremendous hole in the lives of 724 families.” <i>New Hope</i> is expecting to hear next month whether its Charter will be renewed. School officials say they'll appeal to the state if it's denied. Meanwhile, a Bill has been introduced in the state house to reform Charter School funding.
June 7	News 8 Today @ 6	6:26:48A 46 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	The size of your waist may be a predictor for Diabetes. Waist size measures belly fat and indicates how fat is distributed across the body; that's important because people who tend to accumulate fat around their belly, which produces a lot of hormones, are more likely to develop Diabetes and heart disease. Researchers at a hospital in England followed 30,000 people who were overweight and had a large waist. That's defined as 40 inches for a man and 35 inches for a woman. After ten years, 7% of the men and 4.4% of the women had developed Diabetes. But measuring waist circumference is

				not as easy as it sounds. It has to be taken consistently at a certain place on the torso to be accurate and useful.
June 7	News 8 @ Noon	12:04:32P 16 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Five men are under arrest after a six-month undercover investigation into the sale of synthetic marijuana in Lancaster County. Investigators say the men had ties to various businesses where the drugs were sold, including <i>Puff N Stuff</i> in Lancaster and <i>Friendly Perfume &amp; Novelty</i> in Ephrata.
June 7	News 8 @ 6	6:06:51P 40 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	The <i>Cat Bus System</i> serving Dauphin and Cumberland Counties is struggling to stay afloat, and now it's facing some tough decisions. <i>Capital Area Transit</i> , also known as <i>CAT</i> , says the current level of federal and state funding is not enough to meet its needs. The General Manager says fuel, wage, and health care costs have all increased. He says if the company can't reduce costs or increase revenues, big changes may be ahead. Bill Jones of <i>CAT</i> , "We could be looking at elimination of night time service, weekend service, when we take those we don't need the maintenance guys there supervisors." <i>CAT</i> says raising fares is also an option. However, for the next couple of months, it will be getting community input on the best ways to cut back.
June 7	News 8 @ 11	11:16:23P 40 seconds	Youth/Teen	Marijuana use in teenagers is on the rise. A new study shows more of them are smoking marijuana than cigarettes! Twenty-three percent admit smoking marijuana recently, with 18% saying they smoked cigarettes. The study was done by the <i>Centers For Disease Control</i> , which asked teenagers about a variety of risky behavior. One-third of the teenagers admit to texting while



				driving; 38% percent say they drink even though they are underage, and 21% admit using prescription drugs without a doctor's permission. A recent study from the University of Michigan also found teenage marijuana use is up dramatically. Experts say they believe the rise is due to increased stress in school.
June 8	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:52:38A 19 seconds	Obesity Epidemic	Your weight may be connected to what you do for a living. A new survey commissioned by <i>Career Builder</i> shows some occupations may actually contribute to weight gain. Among the most fattening careers: travel agents, Judges, teachers, even doctors. Police officers and firefighters also appear to have a higher incidence of weight gain.
June 8	News 8 @ 5:30	5:35:42P 26 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	New safety rules are on the way for parents. Parents of many children will soon be told not to use a federally-required child seat attachment system. The new rule will require the seat makers to tell parents not to use the lower anchors in cars if children and their car seats have a combined weight of 65 pounds. Child safety advocates say the anchors cannot be guaranteed for heavier children. The rules, for children three and up, take effect in two years.
June 9	News 8 Today Weekend Earlier Newscast Due To NBC Sports	8:35:14A 40 seconds	Government/ Politics	Pennsylvania is pushing to privatize alcohol sales. We are one of only two states that still sell alcohol through a state-run system; Utah is the other. House Majority Leader Mike Turzai leads the Bill, calling for a license-based system, similar to neighboring states like Maryland. He says the system we have now is out-dated, but some disagree. House Democrats

				spokesperson Bill Patton, “It would lead to higher prices, fewer brands on the shelf, and it would cost the jobs of several thousand people who are working now.” Turzai says existing state employees who are talented will keep their jobs, but there are no guarantees. If the bill passes, implementing the plan could take up to two years.
June 9	News 8 @ 11	11:12:45P 40 seconds	Conservation/ Environment	In Lancaster, dozens of residents pitched in to help clean up the Conestoga River in Lancaster County Central Park; they were picking up and bagging trash left at the river and surrounding park. Manheim partnered with <i>American Rivers</i> to help the national effort to protect and restore rivers and streams. The organizers will weigh the amount of trash they gathered and compare it to next year, which they hope will not be as much.
June 10	News 8 @ 6	6:06:31P 21seconds	Economy Shifts	A new national survey says the average price of a gallon of regular gas has dropped 16 cents over the past three weeks. That brings the national average down to \$3.62 according to the <i>Lundberg Survey</i> . Here in the Susquehanna Valley, the prices are much lower; a gallon of gas will run you \$3.25.
June 11	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:40:52A 51 seconds	National Security	In Washington, lawmakers are turning up the heat on the White House, demanding to know who leaked classified information about overseas operations. The leaks exposed cyber attacks on Iran and drone strikes on suspected terrorists. The Obama Administration has appointed two top prosecutors to investigate, but that hasn't stopped Republican leaders from

				accusing the Administration of leaking the information itself for political gain. Senator John McCain, "The only conceivable motive of such damaging and compromising leaks of classified information is that it makes the President look good." Obama, "The notion that my White House would purposely release classified national security information is offensive." Senator McCain and Senator Lindsey Graham have called for an independent investigation into the leaks.
June 11	News 8 @ Noon	12:09:16P 17 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	The FBI crime stats show a 4% drop in the number of violent crimes reported to police. The Bureau says murder, manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault all went down in 2011. The number of property crimes also dropped point 8%.
June 12	News 8 Today @ 5	5:25:14A 41 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	A new study finds middle-aged or older Americans who regularly get less than six hours of sleep a night are four times as likely to suffer a stroke. What makes the research even more concerning is the more than 5,600 people in the study were not overweight or inactive, which are also key risk factors for stroke. Experts say the study emphasizes why sleep should be made a priority. Dr. Philip Gehrman of the <i>University of Pennsylvania</i> , "It is just making a commitment to stopping working, stopping all those activities earlier in the night, and giving themselves adequate opportunity." The number of people who report a full eight hours of sleep each night has dropped 10% in the last decade to just 28%.
June 12	News 8 @	12:19:25P	Obesity Epidemic	Fast food chains are offering so-called

	Noon	45 seconds		<p>"healthier" options for children these days, but are those meals really healthy? The <i>Physicians Committee For Responsible Medicine</i> is out with its list of the worst "healthy" kids meals and <i>Chick-Fila's</i> grilled nuggets meal is number one. The <i>Committee</i> says it contains the same amount of cholesterol as a <i>Big Mac</i>. Also on the list, <i>McDonald's Cheeseburger Happy Meal</i>, which contains more sodium than 13 orders of <i>McDonald's</i> kids fries, even though the meal now incorporates fruit. Registered Dietician Kasie Fondren, "In addition to gaining weight, it can increase their blood pressure, they start gaining fluid, and overall, it's not setting them up for a healthy lifestyle later in life." Others on the list include <i>Burger King's Kids Meal</i>, <i>Sonic Kids Junior Burger Meal</i>, and <i>Denny's Build-Your-Own Grand Slam</i>.</p>
June 12	News 8 @ 5:30	5:35:01P 49 seconds	Economy Shifts	<p>Your money... It's just not worth what it used to be. When you add up all of your personal wealth, assets like your home, automobiles and stocks minus any debt, it turns out you are decades behind! The Federal Reserve says in just the last three years, the average American has lost so much, they are now worth about the same as they were in 1992, and more are having trouble paying their bills. Nearly 11% of folks admit to being at least 60 days late paying a bill; that's up from 7% in 2007. We're also making less money. The average American made \$45,800 last year – that's down nearly 8%. The Federal Reserve says it all started with the implosion of the housing market. The median value of Americans' stake in their homes fell by 42% between 2007 and 2010.</p>
June 12	News 8 @ 5:30	5:36:08P	Transportation/	<p>There's a new push to keep drivers safe,</p>

		40 seconds	Infrastructure	but some may not like it. The State House is considering a Bill to put traffic cameras at busy intersections. Today at the State Capitol, the <i>Traffic Safety Coalition</i> lobbied for the Bill to be passed as soon as possible; the group says the cameras will cut down on traffic accidents and deaths. Right now, someone dies every eight hours on Pennsylvania roads. The Bill would also allow communities to use the cameras to catch red light runners and fine them by mail.
June 12	News 8 @ 6	6:05:32P 41 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	In York County, a new smoking ban could be in store for some York residents. The <i>City Housing Authority</i> wants to ban smoking in and around public housing units. If approved, smokers would not be allowed to light up within 25 feet of the buildings. The <i>Housing Authority</i> operates more than a thousand units across the County. Some residents who'd be affected are concerned. "Smoking is something that is easy to get into but harder to get out of, and so people really aired their feelings today in the meeting." The <i>Authority</i> says some exemptions will be granted. If approved, the ban would go into effect on October 1.
June 13	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:35:20A 45 seconds	Government/ Politics	At the State Capitol, more debate over privatizing Pennsylvania's liquor stores. The latest plan to sell the state stores would disband the state system and auction licenses to sell wine and liquor, giving existing beer distributors the first shot. It would allow up to 1,600 privately run outlets across the state. Representative Glen Grell, "We are trying to give consumers what they want, like convenience, and get government out of the business it shouldn't be in. We have provisions in

				<p>the Bill to help those potentially displaced state store workers, but there will be job openings for those folks.” But not everybody is on board. A family-owned beer distributor in York County said the cost of a license will be too high for small business owners. Sharon Matzler of <i>North York Beverage</i>, “It was nice that they offered to sell us the wine and spirit licenses first. However, it's not to our benefit.” Even if House lawmakers do approve this plan, it probably won't be taken up by the Senate until the fall.</p>
June 13	Dr. Oz	4:00P 60 minutes	General Health/ Wellness	<p>There is a dangerous new trend among some women: they are dying to be skinny at any cost. On this episode, <i>Dr. Oz</i> goes into the world of extreme anorexics. He introduces Lynn, who at age 31, is just 73 pounds, and reveals the shocking “Pro Ana” websites teaching women to become anorexic. <i>Dr. Oz</i> explains the toll this trend takes on your body with <i>Shades of Hope Treatment Center</i> founder Tennie McCarty, and they discuss solutions for these anorexic women.</p>
June 13	News 8 @ 5	5:25:57P 55 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>There's been a lot of discussion over the years about the food we serve our children in schools. The government estimates kids eat as much as 50% of their daily calories while in school. The goal is to make sure what they're eating is healthy and well balanced, and a lot of parents agree. Eighty percent of American voters favor national standards that would limit calories, fat and sodium in the snacks and foods sold in public schools. They also say schools should encourage kids to choose fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy items, over sugary snacks. This is according to a poll by the <i>Kids' Safe And Healthful Foods</i></p>

				<p><i>Project.</i></p> <p>In January, the Federal Government announced the first major overhaul of the school lunch system in 15 years. Most of the changes will start next school year and will include adding more fruit and vegetable options for students who purchase lunch at school. Experts say public schools have made significant improvements when it comes to improving the nutrition in school lunches, but there are still too many unhealthy choices, especially for older students.</p>
June 13	News 8 @ 6	6:12:26P 56 seconds	Government/ Politics	<p>The <i>Financial Recovery Committee</i> says the city may face a \$12.6 million dollar cash flow deficit by the end of the year. The <i>Committee</i> made the announcement during a meeting today; it was the first meeting attended by General William Lynch, the man in charge of coming up with a <i>Recovery Plan</i> for the city. He says he is cautiously optimistic about solving the city's financial situation, but there is one problem. "The biggest problem is this business of making me do it, so you go to court, come back, you spend an awful lot of time, when the court becomes part of the bureaucratic process." Lynch recently threatened to take legal action if City Council does not approve parts of the <i>Recovery Plan</i>, which includes an earned income tax increase. Also during the meeting, it was revealed that the list of potential candidates to buy the city's debt ridden incinerator has been narrowed to two. One potential buyer is the <i>Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority</i>.</p>
June 13	News 8 @ 11	11:07:50P 25 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>The State House has approved a controversial Bill to overhaul</p>

				<p><i>Pennsylvania's Wiretapping Law.</i> Critics say it would make it too easy for citizens to spy on each other, while supporters argued it would help police fight crime. It allows the recording of conversations if the person doing the recording believes it may provide evidence of a serious crime. Current law bars recording without the consent of all parties.</p>
June 14	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:39:59A 23 seconds	Education	<p>At the State Capitol, hundreds of teachers rallied for demanding more education funding in the state budget. Much of their protest was directed at Governor Corbett, who has repeatedly warned lawmakers against sending him a budget that doesn't put enough money in savings, even if that means cutting funds from education. Lawmakers have until the end of this month to settle on the state's next spending plan.</p>
June 14	News 8 Today @ 5	5:23:53A 31 seconds	Education	<p>The cost of college education is skyrocketing. An annual report by the <i>U.S. Department of Education</i> says the average tuition at a four-year public University increased by 15% between 2008 and 2010. State spending cuts to higher education is considered one of the biggest reasons for the jump. On a positive note, the report says Community Colleges still remain one of the most consistently affordable higher education options. The <i>Department</i> says the average net price for community colleges increased by less than 1% between 2007 and 2009.</p>
June 14	News 8 @ Noon	12:14:24P 32 seconds	(Un)employment	<p>School is out and that means many teens have started looking for summer jobs, but chances are they won't find one. According to the <i>U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics</i>, fewer than three in ten</p>



				American teens will hold down a summer job this year, as employment levels for 16 to 19 year-olds have fallen to the lowest level since World War Two. One of the reasons for the decline in teen employment opportunities is that older workers, immigrants, and college grads who are laden with debt, are working the lower-skill jobs. The <i>Bureau</i> projects teen employment may never return to pre-recession levels.
June 14	News 8 @ Noon	12:21:54P 21 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	Defense Secretary Leon Panetta says he has ordered all branches of the military to review mental health diagnoses dating back to 2001. The Army has already been conducting an extensive review of behavioral diagnoses after the case of a U.S. Soldier suspected of killing 16 Afghan civilians brought fresh attention to the strains of war. Panetta told a Senate panel recently he has asked the other services to conduct a review similar to the Army's. Panetta said he was dissatisfied with misdiagnoses and how the military addresses the cases.
June 14	News 8 @ Noon	12:22:23P 47 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	The <i>American Cancer Society</i> is urging patients to change their diet and get moving so they can live the rest of their lives cancer-free. According to the <i>Society's</i> latest guidelines, cancer patients should maintain a healthy weight, get adequate physical activity, and eat a healthy diet to reduce risk of recurrence and increase survival rates. New research backs up the new guidelines. One Canadian study found breast cancer patients who got at least four hours of moderate exercise each week reduced their risk of death by 34% and their chance of recurrence by 24%.

June 14	News 8 @ 11	11:08:21P 30 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	On the West Shore, Cumberland County leaders are trying to restart a group to keep crime out. County Commissioner Gary Eichelberger and the <i>West Shore Chamber of Commerce</i> met today to reorganize the group. Eichelberger, “We need to enlist the public’s help in helping us get the tips from the public. As an organization, we provide rewards to encourage that and of course that will help the police do their job.”
June 15	News 8 @ Noon	12:23:31P 24 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	The FDA has approved a new vaccine that can protect children as young as 6 months from deadly bacteria’s. The FDA approved Menhibrix, which is a combination vaccine for infants and babies that protect against several types of bacteria that cause meningitis and hemophilus influenza. Those bacteria can cause potentially deadly illness, or lead to blindness, mental retardation and amputation.
June 16	News 8 @ 11	11:04:06P 25 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Police in Mechanicsburg are warning of a possible phone scam. They say a man pretending to be a police officer is calling people, and then demanding their credit card numbers. When people refuse, the imposter threatens to throw them in jail. A reminder that law enforcement will never call by phone and demand money, so residents are urged not to give information to anyone claiming to be a police officer.
June 17	News 8 @ 11	11:00:31P 59 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	It's an investigation that took East Lampeter Township police out of the state, but now they say they have the man who killed a Lancaster County woman and her daughter. Gary

				<p>Gerlach was arrested in North Wildwood, New Jersey and charged with two counts of criminal homicide; police say he killed the two women he was living with in Leola, Lancaster County. The bodies of 56 year old Mona Hess and 22 year old Mackenzie Hess were found inside their home on Lemon Lane Saturday afternoon. Police have not said how they were killed.</p>
June 18	News 8 @ Noon	12:06:25P 16 seconds	Youth/Teen	<p>In York County, four teens are charged in connection with a rash of vandalism at the new Carousel Building at Brookside Park in Dover Township. Northern York County Regional Police say the teens, who range in age from 15 to 17, vandalized the building four times since construction was completed this Spring.</p>
June 18	News 8 @ 5	5:25:51P 41 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>Warmer weather means more Americans are seeking that bronzy summer glow. Many people get spray tans to avoid the health hazards of sun bathing, but a new study says spray tanning can have serious side effects. The study says that when you get a spray tan, your lungs are exposed to an active chemical called DHA, which browns the skin. When these compounds are inhaled or ingested, they can cause mutations in the cells and actually promote the development of cancers, including lung cancer. If you want to continue to spray tan, there are some precautions you should follow, including wearing protective undergarments, masks, and goggles. The FDA has approved the use of DHA as an ingredient in tanning lotions or creams, but not approved in an all over spray.</p>

June 18	News 8 @ 11	11:08:23P 20 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	The State Senate approved two Bills today to crack down on problem drinking in Pennsylvania's college towns. Republican Senator Jake Corman of Bellefonte says alcohol-related crimes and mischief cost municipalities thousands of dollars in repairs. The new Bills double the maximum fine for underage drinking and public drunkenness, to \$1,000.
June 19	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:32:52A 50 seconds	Education	Continuing coverage of the school funding crisis...  The Harrisburg School Board is just days away from voting on a final budget that calls for cutting teachers, all sports, and kindergarten. The Board is hoping the state may restore education dollars in the budget, but in the meantime, school leaders are calling for donations from alumni and even businesses, trying to get enough money to at least save kindergarten. Under a state program, businesses that contribute can receive a tax credit. The School Board will meet on June 20 to discuss the budget; a final vote is expected June 27.
June 19	News 8 Today @ 5	5:15:11A 22 seconds	Government/ Politics	Congressional Leaders are making a last attempt to revive stalled legislation to overhaul <i>Federal Transportation Programs</i> . A House-Senate Committee has been holding negotiations for more than a month, but haven't been able to agree on several issues. Time is running out; authority to spend money on transportation aid to states expires at the end of the month.
June 19	Dr. Oz	4:00P 60 minutes	General Health/ Wellness	This <i>Dr. Oz</i> episode is all about food. First, Elisabeth Hasselbeck joins <i>Dr. Oz</i> to shed the light on a condition she

				suffered from for years without knowing it: celiac disease. <i>Dr. Oz</i> educates viewers about the foods that could be making people sick and the hidden places they are found, plus he offers a two-week gluten-free food plan that can change one's health forever. Lastly, <i>Dr. Oz</i> explains the best foods guaranteed to lower cholesterol.
June 19	News 8 @ 5:30	5:32:47P 32 seconds	(Un)employment	In April, U.S. employers posted the fewest job openings in five months! The <i>Labor Department</i> says job openings fell to 3.4 million in April, down from 3.7 million in March. There were 12.5 million unemployed people in April; that's an average of nearly four people competing for each job opening. In a healthy market, the ratio is around 2 to 1.
June 20	News 8 Today @ 5	5:17:09A 16 seconds	(Un)employment	More than 500 jobs are coming to Berks County. <i>Dollar General</i> is getting state funding help in building a 900,000 square foot distribution center in Bethel Township. Construction is set to begin this Fall, and hiring is expected to begin in the Fall of 2013.
June 20	News 8 Today @ 5	5:33:05A 42 seconds	Education	The Teachers Union in the Lancaster School District has given the okay to a new contract. It extends the school day 30 minutes and adds an extra day to the school year. An attempt in April to do the same failed over teacher concerns there would be more work with no added pay. School Board President Richard Caplan, "We were upset obviously when they didn't ratify the agreement the first time. We made some changes which address certain of their concerns. It didn't affect the overall economics in other words the changes were fiscally transparent to the

				District and it preserved the most important elements.” School officials say the new contract has little impact on the budget, which was also approved on June 19, 2012.
June 20	News 8 Today @ 6	6:33:11A 41 seconds	Conservation/ Environment	The West Nile Virus is already hitting Adams County hard this year. The County has reported six cases this year. Typically the West Nile Virus doesn't surface in the Susquehanna Valley until July, but experts say the mild winter allowed mosquitoes to breed earlier. The CDC says there are three things you can do to avoid mosquito bites. First, the best insect repellent is registered with the EPA and has deet, or lemon eucalyptus oil. Also drain standing water; it's where mosquitoes lay their eggs. And third, use screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
June 20	News 8 @ Noon	12:06:20P 20 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	An explosion in Afghanistan killed three U.S. Service Members, an Afghan interpreter and 17 Afghans. The U.S. Embassy says the three NATO Service Members are Americans, but there has not yet been an official release. Afghan officials say a suicide bomber rammed a vehicle packed with explosives into a military convoy in Khost Province.
June 20	News 8 @ 5	5:24:14P 23 seconds	Education	Pennsylvania's First Lady kicked-off her "Open Doors" initiative today to keep kids in school. The First Lady talked about how to put this in action during Harrisburg's financial crisis. “The ability to reach communities, reach individuals, encourage them to volunteer in their schools, them to volunteer in their District, is really a key part of how I am going to spend my time.” The forum stressed the importance of spotting the warning

				signs of dropping-out in middle school, and reacting based on the particular child's needs.
June 20	News 8 @ 5:30	5:43:26P 43 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	It's long been known that the sun's rays, tanning beds, and even spray-on tans have health risks, and now a new injection that gives you a tan is raising similar questions. Sold only online, the makers of <i>Melanotan 2</i> claim it gives you a tan that lasts for months and increases your sex drive. It's a synthetic hormone that mimics the hormone which produces a tan. The danger, according to some dermatologists, is when injected, <i>Melanotan</i> activates your pigment cells. Dermatologist Dr. Lisa Benest, "If we are stimulating the same cells that turn cancerous in melanoma, I think the risk is very real." <i>Melanotan</i> is not FDA approved and is banned in Australia, but remains popular with body builders and models.
June 21	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:33:35A 51 seconds	Government/ Politics	A Bill aimed at keeping illegal immigrants out of public construction projects is being debated in the State House. Representative John Galloway's Bill would require contractors on public construction projects to verify the Social Security Numbers of their employees; employers who fail to make the checks could be barred from future projects. Galloway, "They're using and abusing illegal workers for profit and what it's causing is a snowball effect where other contractors have to do the same thing - a conclusion that we either cheat ourselves or we go out of business." Some builders groups, as well as the ACLU and the <i>Pennsylvania Council of Churches</i> , oppose the Bill. They say the Federal Government's e-verify system is flawed and too often provides incorrect information, but

				Galloway says legislation like his is working successfully in 17 other states. He's hoping to get House and Senate approval before the end of the month.
June 21	News 8 Today @ 5	5:25:05A 33 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Eating disorders are often associated with young people, but a new study at the University of North Carolina finds that eating disorders in women over 50 are just as common. Dr. Cynthia Bulik of the University of North Carolina, "I think part of what's happening is the pressures on women of all ages to continue looking young and attractive are just escalating." Experts say many older women tend to feel uncomfortable seeking help for what many view as a young person's disease. Also, current treatments are more tailored to teen girls than older women.
June 21	News 8 @ 6	6:08:16P 44 seconds	Education	Like many School Districts facing budget deficits across the state, the York School District has cut teachers and raised taxes. The School Board voted 6 to 3 to accept next school year's budget. The budget takes into account several planned changes for the new school year. Elementary school will now serve Kindergarten through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade, two middle schools are expected to be closed, but the 17% tax increase may be the hardest for some people to swallow. School Board President Maggie Orr, "The tax increase was necessary, we didn't want to do it. We thought long and hard about implementing that tax increase but we saw no way around it, no way around it." More than 80 teachers have been furloughed.
June 22	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:33:48A 18 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Lancaster County, West Hempfield Township police are investigating a



				string of car break-ins. Police say items were taken from about two dozen vehicles on seven different streets. The thieves took cash, electronics, a handgun, jewelry, and tools. Investigators say almost all of the vehicles were unlocked.
June 22	News 8 Today @ 6	6:46:20A 20 seconds	Economy Shifts & Transportation/Infrastructure	Electric rates could be on the rise... <i>PPL Electric</i> wants to raise its distribution rates by about \$7 per bill by the beginning of next year. And even if <i>PPL</i> isn't your supplier, they are your distributor, so your bill could rise anyway. It's not a done deal yet, but <i>PPL</i> says they need the increase to improve infrastructure across the Susquehanna Valley.
June 22	News 8 @ Noon	12:20:47P 35 seconds	General Health/Wellness	While cereal companies are making improvements to the nutritional quality of their children's products, a new study finds they are still marketing their unhealthy cereals to kids. Researchers from the <i>Yale Rudd Center For Food Policy And Obesity</i> finds a majority of cereals marketed to children have less sodium and sugar and more fiber. At the same time, children are seeing more TV ads for the least nutritious brands, along with banner ads on children's websites and mobile phone games. The study also found some of the healthiest children's cereals, like <i>Cheerios</i> and <i>Frosted Mini-Wheats</i> are marketed to parents instead of children.
June 22	News 8 @ 5:30	5:37:09P 22 seconds	Economy Shifts	Some experts believe you can expect gas below \$3 a gallon by Halloween or Thanksgiving. The three reasons are: increased production, oil inventories are at 21 year highs, and low consumer demand. The two main factors that could send gas prices soaring again:

				open conflict in the Mid-East and hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico.
June 23	News 8 @ 6	6:06:37P 26 seconds	Government/ Politics	State lawmakers have a busy week ahead of them with votes expected on the state budget deal that came together this week. As part of the Republican-penned agreement, which rank and file lawmakers still need to approve, Governor Corbett is also asking lawmakers to send him some Bills he wants passed, that will affect your child's education. They include: expanding a tax credit that helps low-income families move kids to better schools, allowing the state to get involved with financially distressed school districts, changing how teachers are evaluated to include students' test scores, and creating more oversight of charter schools.
June 23	News 8 @ 11	11:12:17P 23 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	How and when you sleep may increase your risk of breast cancer. Scientists say working overnight or split shifts can increase a woman's risk of breast cancer by 30%! The risk was even higher for women who started working overnights before having children. One possible reason may be due to be the lack of a hormone called melatonin, which is produced during sleep.
June 24	Chris Matthews	7:00A 30 minutes	Government/ Politics	On this episode of <i>The Chris Matthews Show</i> , the following political issues were discussed: new details on Barack Obama's ambition to become President, why Obama expects unity in Washington, and how Obama went from mostly identifying with Whites to finding comfort with his African-American identity.

June 24	News 8 @ 6	6:04:51P 29 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	In Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County, police say two men flagged down a driver and asked for a ride to Harrisburg around 1:30am. During the conversation, one of the men punched the driver, dragged him out of the car and took off with it. Police chased the car onto to I-83, I-81 and finally 322, where the car was stopped and four people were arrested.
June 25	News 8 Today @ 5	5:01:39A 1 minute 25 seconds	Healthcare & Reform	<p>The Supreme Court wraps up its term this week, which means we'll hear decisions in two of the most controversial and highly-anticipated cases, possibly as early as today.</p> <p>One case involves Arizona's tough <i>Immigration Law</i>. The other is a major showdown over President Obama's <i>Health Care Law</i>. Twenty-six states and a national business group want the Court to strike down the <i>Law's</i> central requirement, that all Americans buy health insurance. The Justices heard more than six hours of arguments in late March. Their main question is: 'How far can the government go to make people buy something?' Supreme Court Expert Tom Goldstein, "The Supreme Court finds itself in the middle of a storm. A political storm, in the Presidential election that's coming up, because it's the President's signature achievement, and this is about health care, which touches all of us." Some of the nation's largest insurance companies say even if the court strikes down the law, they'll continue honoring a few of the requirements, including letting parents keep children on their policies until age 26, covering preventative services like blood pressure screenings, and removing caps on the cost of lifetime patient spending. But the big insurers haven't mentioned anything</p>

				about keeping another popular provision that blocks them from denying coverage because of a pre-existing condition.
June 25	News 8 @ Noon	12:27:14P 34 seconds	Economy Shifts	Many people are planning their 4 <sup>th</sup> of July cookouts and they're finding the cost of some of their menu items has gone up. <i>Kiplinger.com</i> reports the leanest ground beef will run you about 5% more than last year. You can also expect to pay about a penny more per hot dog. Seafood prices are up by as much as 5% because of a global rise in consumer demand. When it comes to dessert, that s 'more will also cost you a bit more. Retail chocolate and marshmallow prices are up 4% from 2011, while the price of the graham crackers that hold it all together will rise 2% this year.
June 25	News 8 @ 5:30	5:35:10P 52 seconds	U.S. Armed Forces	It's part of a national expansion of mental health care benefits for Veterans... The VA is looking to fill 1,600 positions nationwide and is hoping most will be filled by Veterans themselves. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki, "I think what Veterans bring that's unique to this group of young Veterans is toughness. Operational skills they have a great foundation for leadership at a very young age they learn leadership in ways that most of us don't." Locally, the VA hospital in Lebanon County is working to fill 11 new positions. The Coatesville VA is hiring twice as many, with 22 new jobs.
June 25	News 8 @ 5:30	5:37:10P 47 seconds	Economy Shifts	Americans bought more new homes last month. The <i>Commerce Department</i> says sales of new homes were up 7.6% in May; 369,000 homes were sold, the

				<p>highest number since April 2010. That was the last month buyers could qualify for a federal home-buying tax credit. But there is a flip side...those new homes are worth less. The median price for a new home in May was \$234,000, down 0.6% from April. New homes represent less than 20% of the housing market, but have a large impact on the economy. The <i>National Association Of Home Builders</i> says each home built creates an average of three jobs for a year, and generates about \$90,000 in taxes.</p>
June 25	News 8 @ 11	11:07:49P 50 seconds	Government/ Politics	<p>The Supreme Court struck down some key portions of the <i>Arizona Immigration Law</i>, but it kept in place one of its most controversial elements. It still allows police to check the immigration status of anyone suspected of being here illegally. If people can't provide the proper documentation, the law allows officers to detain the person until the status is verified. Arizona Governor Jan Brewer said the decision was a victory for the state. "We know the eyes of the world will be upon us. We know the critics will be watching and waiting, hoping for another opportunity to continue their legal assault against our state." What the Court did strike down was the portion of the law that allowed officers to arrest, without warrant, anyone they suspected of being in America illegally.</p>
June 25	News 8 @ 11	11:14:37P 35 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>In Dauphin County, police in Derry Township are investigating a series of overnight home break-ins in the Hershey area. They say the burglars are entering into homes while the residents are asleep. They've so far gotten away with cash, credit cards, and checkbooks. Authorities are urging</p>

				residents to stay vigilant by securing doors and windows to their homes. Police went on to say that they believe the burglaries are random, so everyone should remain cautious.
June 26	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:45:47A 58 seconds	Education	Harrisburg's School Superintendent now says the District will be able to close its six million dollar budget deficit, and pass a budget by the June 30 deadline. Dr. Sybil Knight-Burney says the District collected more delinquent property taxes will eliminate expenses for conferences, and will not buy new text books. But that will not be enough to restore already-announced cuts, including Kindergarten and sports. What could help, though, is the agreement on the state budget. Under the deal reached last week, School Districts will get about the same amount of money as they received last year. On top of that, financially distressed Districts like York and Harrisburg will share an extra \$50 million dollars. News 8 asked both what that additional money could mean for them. Harrisburg School Board Member Rhonda Mays, "We would restore Kindergarten in some fashion, whether it's going to be full day or half day, we're still working through those details." York School Board President Margie Orr, "Our first priority would be to bring back full day Kindergarten and bring back some teachers, definitely those two items." Also in the state budget deal, \$100 million dollars to help schools pay for full-day Kindergarten and pre-K programs.
June 26	News 8 @ Noon	12:21:30P 29 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	Would you go to a drugstore to get tested for AIDS? Health officials have set up a pilot program to find out. <i>The Centers For Disease Control And Prevention</i>

				announced plans today to offer rapid HIV tests at drugstores in 24 cities and rural communities. The test involves a swab of the inside of the mouth; results are ready in about 20 minutes. Health Officials estimate 1.1 million Americans are infected with HIV, but as many as 20% of them don't know they carry the virus.
June 26	News 8 @ 5:30	5:36:12P 37 seconds	Economy Shifts	Consumer confidence seems to be dropping. The <i>Conference Board</i> , which measures consumer confidence, says it fell in June for the fourth month in a row. Lingering worries about the economy continue to outweigh relief at the gas pump. Consumer confidence index is now at 62, down from 64.4 in May. The index remains well below the 90 reading that indicates a healthy economy; that level hasn't been seen since the recession began in December 2007. The indicator is widely watched because consumer spending, including major items like health care, accounts for 70% of U.S. economic activity.
June 26	News 8 @ 5:30	5:51:26P 47 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	Lancaster County just approved a long-range transportation plan, and it takes buggies and bicyclists into special consideration. Route 23 will be widened from Shirk to Groffdale. There are also plans to put in video detection systems along the Route 23 corridor, although County leaders are still choosing the specific intersections. This will allow the lights to change for bicyclists and buggies; right now underground sensors are used. The cost of the project is about four million dollars. State and federal funding is paying for the project. Construction will likely begin in a few years.

June 26	News 8 @ 11	11:06:14P 26 seconds	Conservation/ Environment	The fight to stop West Nile in the Susquehanna Valley is on! Today in Adams County, crews sprayed parts of Conewago Township. It's the first place the virus showed up in the County. In the past week, the number of mosquitoes testing positive for West Nile in Adams County has doubled. After Adams County, the highest number of infected mosquitoes has been found in Cumberland, Dauphin and York Counties.
June 27	News 8 Today @ 4:30	4:44:47A 44 seconds	Economy Shifts	Lebanon County residents just had their properties reassessed for the first time in 40 years. It's leading to some serious sticker shock, especially among farmers. One farmer says the new assessed value of his property means his taxes would go from \$6,000 a year to \$14,000. He and others fear the high taxes could force them off their land at a time when it's hard to find buyers, but evaluators are standing by their assessments. Farmers can appeal and say they will.
June 27	News 8 Today @ 5	5:16:56A 1 minute 14 seconds	Government/ Politics	The new <i>Voter ID Law</i> , requiring an approved photo ID before you can vote, is under attack again in Harrisburg. Advocates argue it cracks down on voter fraud, but Democrats now say they have proof it's part of a Republican effort to suppress typically Democratic voters like the elderly and minorities. Democrats say a high-ranking state lawmaker admitted it. Representative Mike Turzai, " <i>Voter ID</i> is going to allow Governor Romney to win the state of Pennsylvania. Done." Senator Daylin Leach, "House Majority Leader Turzai made it clear they passed <i>Voter ID</i> to help Romney win Pennsylvania." Representative Eugene DePasquale, "I think we should be voting to expand



				<p>the electorate not using political games to tilt the playing field simply because they have a bad candidate.” Was the <i>Voter ID Bill</i> in this state politically motivated to try and give republican presidential candidates an edge? Turzai says, “No. This is about reducing voter fraud we need to crack down on, that it’s about leveling the playing field and one person one vote.” <i>Penndot</i> has promised to issue free ID’s to any voter who doesn’t have one.</p>
June 27	News 8 @ Noon	12:07:31P 26 seconds	Government/ Politics	<p>A State Lawmaker from Cumberland County says she tried for years to improve reporting requirements of child sex abuse. It wasn’t until the <i>Sandusky Case</i> that Pat Vance’s Bill quickly moved to the Governor’s desk. Under the Bill, School Districts will be required to train teachers and contracted staff on how to spot signs of abuse, how to report suspected abuse, and the District’s reporting policy. Vance, “Because of our busy lives sometimes, a teacher sees a child more than anyone else in their life and should be the observer.” Governor Corbett’s Office says the Governor plans to sign the Bill into law.</p>
June 27	News 8 @ 5	5:03:12P 30 seconds	Education	<p>A tentative agreement has been reached to prevent interest rates on the loans from doubling this Sunday. The one year extension will keep the interest rate at 3.4% on subsidized Stafford Loans. The six billion dollar measure would be paid for in two ways: first, by curbing companies tax breaks for pension payments, second, by limiting federal subsidies of student loans. The deal would affect new loans starting July 1 and affect 7.4 million students.</p>

June 27	News 8 @ 5:30	5:35:52P 23 seconds	Obesity Epidemic	The FDA has approved a new drug for weight loss, the first in more than ten years. <i>Arena Pharmaceutical's</i> drug <i>Belviq</i> , also known as <i>Lorcaserin</i> , was approved for use in overweight adults with at least one medical condition like Diabetes. Studies show the drug helped users lose at least 3% of their body weight when combined with healthy diet and exercise.
June 27	News 8 @ 6	6:07:31P 35 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	A former Lancaster Boy Scout Leader faces sex abuse charges, after police say they found child pornography on his home computer. Police searched the West Lampeter Township home of 56 year old Anthony Fucito. According to police documents, they found more than 2,500 images of child pornography. A Scout Executive with the Pennsylvania Dutch Council says Fucito's membership was revoked when the Council found out about the investigation. The scout executive also says there have been no reports of any wrong-doing involving Fucito and Troop Members.
June 27	News 8 @ 11	11:07:13P 27 seconds	Transportation/ Infrastructure	A major construction project in Spring Grove, York County has been delayed, much to the dismay of some residents. <i>PennDOT</i> says the contractor discovered the metal pipes being used to carry water under the Route 116 bridge will not support the heavy construction vehicles, so replacement pipes are needed. Local business owners are concerned the construction is affecting their businesses.
June 28	News 8 Today @ 5	5:17:45A 18 seconds	Economy Shifts	According to new census data, most of America's largest cities are growing at a faster rate than their surrounding suburbs. It's the first time that's

				happened in a century. Researchers say it's because young adults looking for a foothold in the weak job market are avoiding home-buying, and staying put in bustling urban centers.
June 28	News 8 @ Noon	12:07:38P 17 seconds	Education	The Reading School District is closing five schools, laying off 108 teachers, and raising taxes to close a \$14 million dollar budget gap. It's the first tax increase in the District in almost a decade. The District initially had a \$40 million dollar budget deficit, but cut it to 14 by using reserve funds.
June 28	News 8 @ 5:30	5:40:49P 59 seconds	Government/ Politics (Taxes)	\$238 million dollars in checks will start arriving in mailboxes across Pennsylvania beginning next week. The checks are part of the state's <i>Property Tax, Rent Rebate Program</i> for older residents, the disabled, and widows and widowers. More than a half million people signed up: some will get a check, others opted for direct deposit. The money comes from the state's lottery revenue, and rebates can be as high as \$975. Residents who haven't signed up still have until December 31. Here is who qualifies: people who own or rent a home who are 65 and older, who are widows and widowers age 50 and older, or who are disabled 18 and older. Claims forms should also be at <i>Department of Revenue District Offices, Area Agencies on Aging, Senior Centers and State Legislators Offices</i> .
June 28	News 8 @ 6	6:01:04P 27 seconds	Healthcare & Reform	A landmark decision affecting everyone. President Obama, "Today's decision was a victory for people all over this country."  The nation's highest Court says the <i>Health Care Reform</i> stands. There may

				<p>be a ruling, but the fight is far from over. Republicans are vowing to repeal the law, including Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney, who said the <i>Law</i> was still bad policy. The Court found the individual mandate requiring most Americans to have health insurance was constitutional on the grounds that the mandate was a tax, and Congress has the power to levy taxes. The President calls the ruling a victory for people across the country.</p> <p>Breaking down the decision...</p> <p>Individual mandate, requiring you to have healthcare...stays. People who already have insurance should not see a spike in insurance premiums. Young adults can stay on their parents insurance until age 26. Coverage of pre-existing conditions continues, and insurance companies can't impose lifetime limits on the amount of care you receive.</p> <p>Republicans who are upset about the ruling say they will not let it get them down. They plan to introduce legislation that would repeal the <i>Law</i>.</p>
June 29	News 8 Today @ 6	6:10:18A 16 seconds	General Health/ Wellness	<p>We're one step closer to having a nicotine vaccine, according to a new study. Researchers developed a vaccine that binds to nicotine in the blood stream, and prevents it from getting to the brain, which would kill the craving. But experts say, a public vaccine is still years away.</p>
June 29	News 8 @ 5	5:22:53P 40 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	<p>Fifty thousand dollars worth of jewelry... that's what police say thieves have gotten away with in Lancaster County. Millersville Borough's Police Chief showed a map of more than a</p>

				dozen homes that have been burglarized over the last four months, and he thinks several more burglaries in Manor Township are also related. Police believe the thieves are watching homes, and then breaking in when the owners are out.
June 29	News 8 @ 11	11:04:59P 24 seconds	Government/ Politics (Taxes)	Good news for Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett... his proposed budget passed the State Senate today. Democrats say it takes from the poor and gives to the rich because it cuts business taxes and cuts programs for the poor, elderly, and disabled. But Republicans say it's appropriate and responsible. The budget increases spending by about 1.5% without raising taxes. Governor Corbett will likely sign it on June 30.
June 30	News 8 Today Weekend	9:02:43A 25 seconds	Civilian Safety/ General Crime	Police in Lebanon County are looking for a man charged in connection with a series of synthetic drug raids. John Herr of Palmyra faces a long list of charges. The Lebanon County District Attorney says Herr worked for <i>Bad Boys Toys</i> , which had stores in Palmyra, Lemoyne, and Elizabethtown. Earlier this year, authorities shut the stores down and arrested several people, after undercover police say they found synthetic drugs being sold.